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NEXT MEETING OF SYNOD: Place—First English Lutheran Church, Richmond, Va., Rev. J. C. Seegers, pastor. Time—Tuesday before the 4th Sunday of October, 1893.

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MINUTES OF SIXTY-THIRD CONVENTION

OF THE

EVAN. LUTHERAN SYNOD OF VIRGINIA.

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Virginia met pursuant to adjournment in Melanchthon Chapel, Augusta county, Va., Tuesday evening, August 23, 1892. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. L. L. Smith, Strasburg, Va.

FIRST SESSION.

MELANCHTHON CHAPEL, AUGUSTA CO., VA.,
AUGUST 24, 1892, 9 A. M.

Synod was formally opened by the President, Rev. D. M. Moser, according to the form of service of the Book of Worship.

The clerical roll was called and absentees noted. Lay-Delegates presented their credentials and the names of those entitled to seats in the Synod were ordered to be placed on the roll.

MINISTERS.	ORDAINED	POST OFFICES.	LAY-DELEGATES.
Rev. W. Rusmisell*	1854	Lebanon Church, Va	
" J. M. Shreckhise	1858	Moffatt's Creek, Va	Geo. T. Alpin.
" J. A. Snyder	1859	New Market, Va	J. Rufus Zirkle.
" A. A. J. Bushong	1863	Woodstock, Va	L. S. Walker.
" M. R. Minnich*	1873	Philadelphia, Penn	
" L. G. M. Miller, D. D.	1874	Winchester, Va	Oscar Barr.
" D. M. Moser	1875	Shepherdstown, W. Va	J. H. Zittle.
" Prof. Jas. Willis	1877	Staunton, Va	
" W. J. Smith	1878	Mountain Falls, Va	Philip Williams.
" L. M. Sibole	1880	Smithfield, W. Va	Jacob Crum.†
" L. L. Smith	1880	Strasburg, Va	Martin Grove.
" G. W. Spiggle	1881	Middlebrook, Va	John M. Baylor.
" W. B. Oney	1882	Mt. Sidney, Va	J. W. Stover.
" J. W. S. Sheppard	1883	Middlebrook, Va	Lee Arehart.
" D. P. T. Crickenberger		Waynesboro, Va	A. H. Towberman.
" A. F. Richardson**	1888	Carmel, W. Va	
" H. F. Shealy	1888	Staunton, Va	Prof. F. W. Hamer.
" H. E. Ebeling*	1889		
" Asa Richard	1889	Winchester, Va	Geo. H. Snarr.
" J. E. Shenk	1890	Waynesboro, Va	Maj. Absalom Koiner.
" C. N. A. Yonce	1887	Harrisonburg, Va	A. H. Snyder.
" J. L. Buck	1878	Bridgewater, Va	S. T. Shank.
" J. A. Flickinger		Madison C. H., Va	John T. Crigler.
" Ed. L. Folk		Mt. Jackson, Va	
" P. J. Wade	1891	Wardensville, W. Va	Henry Heishman.
" P. L. Miller†		New Haven, W. Va	J. A. Rousch.
" J. C. Seegers	1891	Richmond, Va	
" W. H. Berry	1891	Bruceton Mills, W. Va	John W. Cuppet.
		Browntown	
		Buena Vista, Va	P. S. Wise.

** Absent and excused. * Absent and not excused. † Licentiates. ‡ Commissioners.

REGISTER.

NUMBER.	PASTORATE.	CHURCHES.	PASTORS.
1	Aurora	Salem, Centennial Chapel, St. John's, Grace Chapel, Texas	Rev. A. F. Richardson.
2	Bethany	Bethany, Mt. Olive	Rev. J. M. Shreckhise.
3	Bethlehem	Bethlehem, Browntown	Vacant.
4	Brandonville	St. John's, Luther Chapel, St. Peter's, Mt. Zion, St. Mark's	Rev. W. H. Berry.
5	Capon	Hebron, St. Peter's, North River, St. James', Mt. Moriah	Rev. P. J. Wade.
6	Churchville	St. Peter's, Pleasant View, St. Paul	
7	Gravel Springs	Bethel, Fremont, Gravel Springs, St. John's, St. James'	Rev. W. J. Smith.
8	Harrisonburg	Muhlenberg	Rev. C. N. A. Yonce.
9	Lebanon	Lebanon, St. Paul	Rev. Asa Richard.
10	Madison	Hebron	Rev. J. A. Flickinger.
11	Mt. Jackson	Mt. Calvary, Bethel, Crossroads	Rev. Ed. L. Folk.
12	Mason	New Haven, New Hope, White	Rev. P. L. Miller.
13	Middlebrook	Holy Trinity, Newport, St. Mark's	Rev. J. W. S. Sheppard.
14	Mt. Tabor	Mt. Tabor	Rev. G. W. Spiggle.
15	New Market	St. Matthew's, St. Mark's, St. Martin	Rev. J. A. Snyder.
16	Richmond	First English Lutheran Church	Rev. J. C. Seegers.
17	Rockingham	Frieden's, St. John's, Trinity	Rev. J. L. Buck.
18	Shepherdstown	St. Peter's	Rev. D. M. Moser.
19	Staunton	Christ Evang. Lutheran Church	Rev. H. F. Shealy.
20	Strasburg	St. Paul's, Trinity	Rev. L. L. Smith.
21	Smithfield	Stone's Chapel, Gerardstown, Smithfield	Rev. L. M. Sibole.
22	Salem	Salem, Melanchthon Chapel, St. James'	Rev. W. B. Oney.
23	Waynesboro	Zion, St. James'	Rev. D. P. T. Crickenberger.
24	Winchester	Grace Church	Rev. L. G. M. Miller, D. D.
25	Woodstock	Emmanuel, St. Peter's, Mt. Zion, St. Luke's	Rev. A. A. J. Bushong.
26	Basic City	Bethlehem	Rev. J. E. Shenk.
27	Buena Vista	Trinity	Vacant.

The President, Rev. D. M. Moser, read his report, which was received and laid on the table for future action.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

DEAR BRETHREN :—The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Through the mercy of our covenant-keeping God we are permitted to assemble once more in synodical convention ; and it is fitting that we should gratefully acknowledge the goodness of our God in the supplies of grace and strength furnished us, and in the blessings given us both in our persons and in our work. We should cheerfully and hopefully enter upon the duties now set before us, devoutly reliant upon the promised aid of the Holy Spirit which we now earnestly invoke.

I. DEATH OF REV. J. F. CAMPBELL, D. D.

Since we last thus assembled one of our number, a beloved father in Israel, has entered into his rest. On January 3, 1892, Rev. J. F. Campbell, D. D., our much esteemed and venerable brother, at his

home near Capon Road, Va., surrounded by his friends and living in daily expectation of the end, fell on blessed sleep, in the 81st year of his age.

Dr. Campbell was the oldest member of the Virginia Synod, and while he was not well known by many who now compose this body, because bodily infirmity prevented him from meeting with us in recent years, there are those still among us who know how he loved the Virginia Synod and the Lutheran Church, and what a debt, we, as a body, owe him for efficient service cheerfully rendered in trying times and under peculiar circumstances. He was "a good man, full of faith."—His scholarly attainments, mature judgment, unfeigned love for the truth, and entire consecration to duty, made his life a marked and useful one, and he now rests from his labors while his works follow after him.

The funeral service was held in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, of Strasburg, Va., which was his first and last field of labor in the active ministry; and was under the direction of the present pastor, Rev. L. L. Smith. Besides the pastor, the following brethren were present and took part in the services: Revs. J. A. Snyder, A. A. J. Bushong, J. I. Miller, D. D., H. F. Shealy, E. L. Folk, P. C. Wike, and at the close of the exercises the ministers present tenderly bore his body to the grave.

It will be our duty, as a body, to record some appropriate testimonial sacred to his memory.

II. RESIGNATIONS.

1. Oct. 5, 1891, Rev. V. R. Stickley informed me that he had resigned the Waynesboro pastorate to accept a call from the church at Buena Vista.

2. Rev. B. S. Brown wrote me on Dec. 7, 1891, that he had resigned the Churchville pastorate on Nov. 1st, and had accepted a call from Mt. Pleasant, N. C.

3. Rev. V. R. Stickley gave notice of his resignation at Buena Vista in Feb., to accept a call to Enochville, N. C.

III. DISMISSIONS.

Regular certificates of honorable dismissal were granted to the following brethren who had removed from our bounds:

August 26, 1891, to Rev. J. W. Smith, transferring him to the Maryland Synod.

Dec. 12, 1891, to Rev. B. S. Brown, transferring him to the North Carolina Synod.

Jan. 26, 1892, to Rev. J. S. Moser, transferring him to the Synod of California.

March 8, 1892, to Rev. V. R. Stickley, dismissing him to the North Carolina Synod.

IV. CALLS ACCEPTED.

August 28, 1891, Rev. P. L. Miller informed me that he had accepted a call to the Mason pastorate, and would enter upon his work in October.

October 5th, Rev. V. R. Stickley formally notified me that he had accepted a call to the church at Buena Vista, and would take charge November 1st.

March 21st, Rev. D. Crickenberger gave notice that he had accepted a call to the Zion congregation in Augusta Co., Va., and would take charge at once.

Rev. C. N. A. Yonce on Aug. 13, 1892, notified me that he had accepted a call to Harrisonburg, Va., and had taken charge July 1st.

Upon inquiry, I learned from Rev. J. C. Seegers, that he had accepted a call from the Board of Missions, to become regular pastor of the 1st English Lutheran Church, of Richmond, Va., and that he had entered upon regular work the 3d Sunday in October, 1891.

V. CREDENTIALS RECEIVED.

Dec. 21, 1891, Rev. W. H. Berry put in my hands a regular certificate of honorable dismissal officially signed by the President of the E. L. Synod of Maryland, transferring him to this body.

Aug. 13, 1892, Rev. C. N. A. Yonce sent me his certificate of transfer officially signed by the President of the S. W. Virginia Synod regularly dismissing him to this body.

Aug. 15, 1892, Rev. J. C. Seegers put in my possession the formal action of the E. L. Holston Synod officially signed by the Secretary, transferring him to this body.

These documents are herewith submitted for your consideration and official action.

VI. ORDINATION.

October 15, 1891, Rev. P. J. Wade was ordained to the work of the Gospel ministry, in St. Peter's church, Wardensville, W. Va., by the officers and members of the Potomac Conference.

VII. BENEFICIARIES.

There have been put in my hands the Term Reports from Roanoke College of the young men under our care, and I am glad to say that they are very creditable. I am sorry to say that there was some misunderstanding about the amount of aid that Synod had promised which led to quite a correspondence, and resulted in great disappointment to the young men. The letters on file are herewith submitted, and a full explanation of the nature of the reply given, will be made at the proper time and place.

VIII. CHURCH CONSECRATION.

From the *Lutheran Visitor* of July 7, 1892, I learned that on Sunday, June 19th, there was dedicated free of debt at Carmel, W. Va., a handsome and commodious church, 54 x 57, with a seating capacity of 500, and costing about $7000.00. Bro. A. F. Richardson is the beloved and energetic pastor at Carmel, and deserves great credit for the enterprise brought to such a happy termination. The building is Queen Anne in style, and is finished in oak and cherry, and the windows are largely memorial. Rev. W. S. Owen, D. D., of Hagerstown, Md., preached the dedicatory sermon, and Rev. P. H. Miller, of Westminster, Md., a former pastor, read the dedicatory service, and Revs. J. W. Smith, of Grafton, W. Va., and W. L. L. Leisher, of Oakland, Md., also participated in the services.

IX. OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

In accord with the instructions of Synod, on page 23 of our last Minutes, I promptly entered into correspondence with the official representatives of the Brandonville pastorate, and after fully and kindly presenting the views and wishes of the Virginia Synod to them, I am happy to be able to report that I received a communication from the secretary of the Joint Council, stating that they had regard for the wishes of the Synod, and that for the present, at least, they would continue with us in the relation that they have sustained for so long a time.

This official document is on file and is submitted for information and consideration.

X. CONCLUSION.

And now, dear brethren, the last duty laid upon me by the constitution has been performed. Many other things of great importance which will take both time and thought during this convention, I have purposely left unnoticed for the reason that they will be brought to your attention through other regular channels.

For the subjects of *Missions* and *Vacancies* and *Orphans Home*, I bespeak your prayerful consideration, and pray that the Great Head of the Church may lead us to wise conclusions.

A pleasant duty yet remains which is to thank you for the confidence reposed in me, and the honor conferred upon me, and for the cheerful and fraternal co-operation and the Christian courtesy given me as your presiding officer.

"And now unto Him that is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen."

D. M. MOSER, PRESIDENT.

MELANCHTHON CHAPEL, AUG. 24, 1892.

The Secretary, Rev. L. L. Smith, read his report, which was received and laid on the table for future action.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Secretary submits the following report for the past synodical year:—

1. The Minutes were printed and distributed to the pastors by Henkel & Co., New Market, Va., at a cost of $83.23 for the 1500 copies.

2. The thanks of Synod should be given to J. M. Schryver, Esq., Assistant General Passenger Agent, B. & O. Railroad, for the reduced rate to our synodical convention.

3. The bill for postage, paper, &c., in the discharge of the routine duties of the office is $2.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanchthon Chapel, Va., Aug. 23, 1892. L. L. SMITH.

The Acting Treasurer, Rev. D. M. Moser, read his report, which was received and laid on the table for future action.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

V. R. STICKLEY, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF VIRGINIA.

LEBANON CHURCH, SHENANDOAH CO., VA.

1891.		DR.	
Aug.	20.	To balance in treasury (synodical fund)	$ 437 25
Aug.	22.	From auditing committee	129 85
Nov.	18.	From Shepherdstown	20 00
Nov.	18.	From Waynesboro pastorate	7 50
Dec.	31.	From Madison pastorate	10 00
1892.			
Jan.	2.	From Staunton	1 00
		Total	$ 605 60

1891.		HOME MISSIONS.	
Aug.	22.	From auditing committee	$ 161 60
Aug.	22.	From collection at Lebanon	15 30
Nov.	18.	From Waynesboro pastorate	3 15
Dec.	31.	From Madison pastorate	20 00
1892.			
Feb.	12.	From Shepherdstown pastorate	40 00
		Total	$ 240 00

1891.		PASTORS' FUND.	
Aug.	22.	From auditing committee	$ 16 00
1891.		SYNODICAL MISSIONARY.	
Aug.	20.	Balance in Treasury	$ 84 98
Aug.	21.	Balance in Treasury from Strasburg pastorate . .	25 00
			$ 109 98
1891.		CHURCH EXTENSION.	
Aug.	22.	From auditing committee	$ 139 00
1891.		BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.	
Aug.	20.	From W. W. Logan, on note	$ 35 00
Aug.	22.	From auditing committee	30 15
Sept.	14.	From W. W. Logan, on note	35 00
Nov.	18.	From Shepherdstown	15 00
Nov.	18.	From Waynesboro pastorate	7 50
Dec.	31.	From Madison pastorate	10 00
1892.			
Jan.	2.	From Staunton	2 50
Jan.	27.	From Mt. Jackson pastorate	5 00
Feb.	12.	From Shepherdstown	5 00
		Total	$ 145 15
1891.		FOREIGN MISSIONS.	
Aug.	22.	From auditing committee	$ 47 70
Oct.	14.	From Staunton	9 10
Dec.	31.	From Miss Ida Crickenberger, S. S. class	3 15
1892.			
Feb.	4.	Madison	10 00
			$ 69 95
		Sum total	$1325 73

1891.		CR.	
Aug.	21.	To J. D. Cappelman—voucher 1	$ 300 00
Aug.	21.	To Mission Committee—voucher 2	5 00
Aug.	21.	To Rev. L. L. Smith, Secretary—voucher 3 . . .	26 72
Aug.	24.	To Rev. L. M. Sibole—voucher 4	10 00
Aug.	24.	To C. C. Berry, Church Extension Sec.—vou. 5 .	20 50
Aug.	28.	To Rev. H. E. Ebeling, Missions—voucher 6 . .	25 00
Aug.	28.	To J. D. Cappelman—voucher 7	200 00
Sept.	2.	To J. J. Brubeck, beneficiary—voucher 8	62 50
Sept.	2.	To R. A. Helms, beneficiary—voucher 9	62 50
Sept.	2.	To Luther Hogshead, beneficiary—voucher 10 . .	50 00

Sept.	2.	To Mrs. Kate B. Dosh, Pastors' Fund—vou. 11 . .	100 00
Sept.	12.	To Rev. L. M. Sibole, Home Missionary—vou. 12	30 00
Oct.	6.	To Rev. L. M. Sibole, Home Missionary—vou. 13	10 00
1892.			
Jan.	2.	To Rev. L. L. Smith, (Minutes)—voucher 14. . .	83 23
Jan.	2.	To Rev. L. M. Sibole—voucher 15	10 00
Feb.	12.	To J. J. Brubeck—voucher 16	30 00
Feb.	12.	To Luther Hogshead—17	30 00
Feb.	12.	To R. A. Helms—voucher 18	30 00
Feb.	12.	To L. M. Sibole—voucher 19	5 00
Feb.	12.	To postage and stationery	2 75
Nov.		Deposit in Waynesboro Bank	152 92
			$1246 12
		Cash balance in Treasury	79 61
			$1325 73

The following is the account of Rev. D. M. Moser, Acting Treasurer of the Virginia Synod by virtue of his official position on account of removal of Rev. Stickley.

DR.

SYNODICAL FUND.

To amounts received at different dates from

Salem pastorate	$ 5 00	
Woodstock pastorate	7 50	
Mt. Jackson pastorate	3 00	
Mason pastorate	4 00	
Lebanon pastorate	4 00	
Winchester pastorate	22 00	
Mt. Tabor pastorate	6 00	
Rockingham pastorate	1 50	
Shepherdstown pastorate	10 00	
Aurora	8 00	
		$ 71 00

HOME MISSIONS.

Salem pastorate	$ 40 00	
Woodstock pastorate	60 00	
Staunton pastorate	7 00	
Staunton Sunday-school	3 77	
Mt. Jackson pastorate	35 00	
Mason pastorate	32 00	
Winchester pastorate	196 00	
Mt. Tabor pastorate	32 15	

Rockingham pastorate	15 60	
Shepherdstown pastorate	100 00	
Shepherdstown Sunday-school	10 00	
Capon pastorate	18 00	
Gravel Springs pastorate	38 00	
Aurora pastorate	4 00	
Browntown congregation	5 44	
Strasburg pastorate	15 00	
Lebanon pastorate	32 00	
		643 96

PASTORS' FUND.

Salem pastorate	$ 5 00	
Woodstock pastorate	8 00	
Lebanon pastorate	5 00	
Winchester pastorate	15 00	
Mt. Tabor pastorate	5 00	
Aurora pastorate	8 00	
		46 00

BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.

Salem pastorate	$ 5 00	
Woodstock pastorate	7 50	
Mt. Jackson pastorate	2 91	
Mason pastorate	4 00	
Lebanon pastorate	4 00	
Winchester pastorate	22 00	
Mt. Tabor pastorate	6 00	
Rockingham pastorate	1 50	
Shepherdstown pastorate	10 00	
Aurora pastorate	8 00	
		70 91

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Woodstock pastorate	$ 10 00	
Staunton Sunday-school	3 77	
Mason pastorate	6 93	
Lebanon pastorate	12 00	
Mt. Tabor	14 40	
Mt. Tabor Sunday-school	4 10	
Shepherdstown pastorate	10 00	
Shepherdstown Sunday-school	30 00	
Gravel Springs pastorate	62 00	
Fairview congregation	4 10	
		157 30

SYNODICAL FOREIGN MISSIONARY.

Cash from Treasurer	$ 79 61	
Ladies Missionary Society of Shepherdstown	15 00	
Madison Sunday-school	8 10	
		102 70
Total received		$1091 87

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1892.		By amounts paid the following:		
Mar.	28.	To J. J. Brubeck, beneficiary—vou. 1	$ 32 50	
Mar.	28.	To R. A. Helms, beneficiary—vou. 2	32 50	
Mar.	28.	To Luther Hogshead, beneficiary—vou. 3	20 00	
Apr.	22.	To L. M. Sibole, Home Missionary—vou. 4	10 00	
June	1.	To J. D. Cappelman, Treas. Board of Missions:		
		For Home Missions, voucher 5	225 03	
		For Foreign Missions, voucher 5	185 17	
		Expenses on Treasurer's bag and postage	1 25	
		Total disbursements	$ 506 45	
		Balance in Treasury—		
		For Synodical Foreign Misssionary	$ 133 08	
		For Foreign Missions	123 53	
		For Pastors' Fund	28 00	
		For Home Missions	200 00	
		For Synodical Fund	100 81	
			$1091 87	

D. M. MOSER,
PRESIDENT AND ACTING TREAS. OF THE VIRGINIA SYNOD.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

President—Rev. D. M. Moser.
Secretary—Rev. L. L. Smith.
Treasurer—L. S. Walker, Esq.

On motion, Rev. P. Miller, of the North Carolina Synod, was received as an advisory member.

On motion, Licentiate R. B. Peery and Candidates Luther Hogshead, J. J. Brubeck, and R. A. Helms, were invited to seats within the bar of Synod.

Resolved, The sessions of Synod be from 9 A. M. to 12 M., and from 2 to 4.30 P. M.

The following report was made and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The customary and regular certificates of Rev. C. N. A. Yonce, of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Southwestern Virginia, Rev. J. C. Seegers, of the Evangelical Lutheran Holston Synod, Rev. W. H. Berry, of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Maryland, placed into the hands of your committee, have been carefully examined and the following action recommended:

Resolved, That these brethren be now regularly received into full connection with this body, and that we extend to them a cordial welcome, and that God's richest blessing may attend their labors.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. SNYDER,
D. M. MOSER,
W. J. SMITH,
L. G. M. MILLER.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. P. Miller.

SECOND SESSION.

MELANCHTHON CHAPEL, VA.,
AUGUST 24, 1892—2 P. M.

Synod convened. Prayer by Rev. J. M. Shreckhise. Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

On motion, Dr. Julius D. Dreher, President of Roanoke College, was received as an advisory member of Synod.

Messrs. J. Albert Rousch, of the Mason pastorate, and John W. Cuppet, of the Brandonville pastorate, presented their credentials and were enrolled as Lay-Delegates.

Mr. Jacob Crum, having presented his credentials, was enrolled as the commissioner of the Churchville pastorate.

The President announced the following

STANDING COMMITTEES.

No. 1. *President's Report.*—Revs. J. M. Shreckhise, L. G. M. Miller, D. D., and Mr. Geo. T. Alpin.

No. 2. *Secretary's Report.*—Revs. J. L. Buck, W. H. Berry, and Mr. Martin Grove.

No. 3. *Treasurer's Report.*—Mr. G. H. Snarr, Prof. F. W. Hamer, and Mr. P. S. Wise.

No. 4. *Apportionments and Appropriations.*—Revs. H. F. Shealy, W. J. Smith, G. W. Spiggle, L. S. Walker, and Maj. A. Koiner.

No. 5. *Minutes of Last Synod.*—Revs. J. A. Snyder, J. C. Seegers, and Mr. J. Rufus Zirkle.

No. 6. *State of the Church.*—Revs. D. P. T. Crickenberger, P. J. Wade, and Mr. A. H. Towberman.

No. 7. *Literary Institutions.*—Revs. J. A. Flickinger, C. N. A. Yonce, and Mr. John T. Crigler.

No. 8. *Vacant Congregations.*—Revs. A. A. J. Bushong, Asa Richard, and Mr. Henry Heishman.

No. 9. *Church Literature.*—Revs. J. W. S. Sheppard, Ed. L. Folk, and Mr. Lee Arehart.

No. 10. *Letters and Petitions.*—Revs. W. J. Smith, L. G. M. Miller, D. D., and Mr. Oscar Barr.

No. 11. *Auditors of Synodical Fund.*—Messrs. J. H. Zittle, S. T. Shenk, and Philip Williams.

No. 12. *Minutes of Conference.*—Revs. G. W. Spiggle, L. M. Sibole, and Mr. John M. Baylor.

No. 13. *Devotional Exercises.*—Officers of Synod and pastor *loci.*

EXCUSES.

Rev. L. G. M. Miller, D. D., was not excused from the morning session, and Rev. P. L. Miller was excused.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

On motion, the parochial reports were ordered to be handed to the Secretary, and that the Secretary make a tabulated statement to be read at the close of Synod.

REPORTS ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Reports on the state of the church were made by a number of the pastors.

ORPHANAGE.

The proposition for the establishment of an orphanage, made to the United Synod by Mr. P. L. Terry, of Roanoke

City, Va., was presented by Maj. A. Koiner, followed by remarks by Rev. Dr. L. G. M. Miller and Dr. Julius D. Dreher.

The following committee was appointed to consider said proposition: Maj. A. Koiner, Revs. L. G. M. Miller, D. D., J. A. Flickinger, H. F. Shealy, and L. L. Smith.

On motion, Rev. Mr. Korn, of the Reformed church, was invited to a seat within the bar of Synod.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. J. A. Snyder.

THIRD SESSION.

MELANCHTHON CHAPEL, VA.,
AUGUST 25, 1892—9 A. M.

Synod convened. Prayer by Rev. L. G. M. Miller, D. D. Roll called. Minutes read and adopted.

MEMBER OF THE EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

The President announced the appointment of Rev. H. F. Shealy as a member of the Examining Committee to succeed Rev. V. R. Stickley, removed.

REPORTS ON STATE OF THE CHURCH.

On motion, the reports on the state of the church not yet presented were ordered to be handed to the committee on this subject.

The following report was made and under consideration at the time of adjournment:

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE AND ADVISORY BOARD OF MISSIONS OF THE VIRGINIA SYNOD.

The Board met in Winchester, Sept. 7, 1891, and organized by the election of Rev. L. G. M. Miller, D. D., Chairman; Rev. L. L. Smith, Secretary; and Henry Baetjer, Esq., Treasurer. During the year we have held five meetings, and have carefully and thoroughly considered the various interests committed to our care and oversight by the Synod.

SYNODICAL FOREIGN MISSIONARY.

At the convention of our Synod, at Mt. Tabor church, 1890, it was resolved that the churches of the Synod send and support a missionary in the Foreign field, in connection with the Board of the United Synod, and to this Board was committed the execution of this action. After many calls to brethren to enter this work and many disappointments, Licentiate R. B. Peery was on Dec. 3, 1891, nominated to the Board of the United Synod as our missionary, and pledging the Synod to pay him such salary as the General Board pays its missionaries. Mr. Peery was accepted by the United Board, and is present with us at this convention, and we urge the Synod to take such action as shall promptly fulfill the financial demands made obligatory by this new work.

BUENA VISTA.

Immediately after the adjournment of Synod, the congregation at Buena Vista called the Rev. V. R. Stickley, and the call was approved by this Board. After remaining three months he resigned, and since that time the Board has tried to secure a successor. The congregation was supplied for a time by Rev. J. E. Bushnell by direction of this Board. The great need of this mission is a settled pastor, and the outlook justifies an earnest effort to this end.

HARRISONBURG.

The Board kept up close communication with this congregation, advising and counseling them in the choice of a pastor. We are glad to report that they have secured the services of Rev. C. N. A. Yonce, and his ministry begins under auspicious circumstances. This mission, being in a growing city of the Valley, should be faithfully supported.

BROWNTOWN.

The Board arranged with Rev. Asa Richard to serve Browntown congregation, and during the past year has given them services once a month. His labors have been acceptable to the congregation, and his report will show the progress of the work. This brother not being able to continue this work some arrangement should be made to supply them.

FRONT ROYAL.

This point needs and requires the immediate attention of the Synod. The nucleus of the organization is there already, and the work would be inaugurated with a most hopeful future before it. We urge that immediate action be taken to organize a congregation, otherwise there may be great loss to the church, and a promising point neglected.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

We append the Treasurer's report. This Board requires funds to carry on its work, and the Board recommends an appeal to the Sunday-schools for offerings. By action at our last meeting, July was selected as the month for the summer schools and November for all year schools to devote their offerings for this work. It is important that every pastor faithfully urge this cause upon his Sunday-schools, and that there be universal co-operation. Otherwise this work cannot be successful. We now surrender our trust to this body, praying the divine blessing upon our successors.

Respectfully submitted,

L. G. M. MILLER,
W. J. SMITH,
J. A. SNYDER,
L. L. SMITH,
HENRY BAETJER,
C. W. HEATER.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF EXECUTIVE AND ADVISORY BOARD OF MISSIONS.

EXECUTIVE AND ADVISORY BOARD OF MISSIONS,
IN ACCOUNT WITH HENRY BAETJER, TREASURER.

1892.		DR.	
Feb.	27.	To cash paid Rev. V. R. Stickley	$ 33 84
Mar.	9.	To cash paid Rev. D. M. Moser on salary advanced to Rev. V. R. Stickley	79 60
Mar.	9.	To cash paid to Rev. V. R. Stickley, of Enochville, N. C., balance on salary	11 56
May	17.	To cash paid Rev. J. E. Bushnell	40 00
Aug.	10.	To cash paid Rev. J. A. Snyder, traveling expenses	7 45
Aug.	9.	To balance in Treasurer's hands	36 50
			$208 95

1891.		CR.	
Nov.	11.	By cash from Mt. Jackson	$ 8 50
1892.			
Feb.	19.	By cash from Staunton Sunday-school	12 20
Feb.	24.	By cash from Mt. Jackson church	13 14
Mar.	1.	By cash from Strasburg church	12 50
Mar.	1.	By cash from Stephen's City church	12 50
Mar.	7.	By cash from Winchester Sunday-school	25 00
May	5.	By cash from Harrisonburg Sunday-school	5 00
May	17.	By cash from Rev. D. M. Moser	10 00
June	27.	By cash from Staunton Sunday-school	7 10
July	5.	By cash from St. Paul's ch., Frederick Co	2 82
July	5.	By cash from Lebanon ch., Shenandoah Co.	2 42

July 28.	By cash from Mt. Tabor Sunday-school . .	7 35
Aug. 10.	By cash from New Market Sunday-school .	6 00
Aug. 10.	By cash from Cedar Creek Sunday-school. .	12 08
Aug. 10.	By cash from Gravel Springs Sunday-school	27 54
Aug. 10.	By cash from St. John's Sunday-school. . .	10 00
Aug. 10.	By cash from Fremont Sunday-school . . .	4 25
Aug. 10.	By cash from Bethel Sunday-school	5 15
Aug. 25.	By cash from Rev. W. B. Oney's S. S . . .	12 00
Aug. 25.	By cash from Bridgewater Sunday-school . .	1 75
Aug. 25.	By cash from St. John's Sunday-school. . .	2 73
Aug. 16.	By cash from Luther Chapel S. S., Mt. Tabor	1 70
Aug. 25.	By cash from St. Mark's Sunday-school. . .	2 51
Aug. 25.	By cash from Middlebrook Sunday-school. .	2 71
Aug. 25.	By cash from Capon Pastorate Sunday-school	2 00
	Total	$208 95

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY BAETJER, TREASURER.

On motion, Rev. Mr. Garber, of the German Baptist church, Rev. Mr. Laird, of the Presbyterian church, and Revs. Messrs. Whitesell and Ross, of the M. E. church, were invited to seats within the bar of Synod.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. James Willis.

FOURTH SESSION.

MELANCHTHON CHAPEL, VA.,
AUGUST 25, 1892, 2 P. M.

Synod convened. Prayer by Rev. H. F. Shealy. Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

REPORT OF BOARD OF MISSIONS RESUMED.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the proposition of brethren in the Winchester congregation, to support the missionary from the Virginia Synod, be accepted, and that a committee of three be appointed to draft suitable resolutions expressing the thanks of this body for their liberality and financial aid.

Committee :—L. S. Walker, Esq., Revs. H. F. Shealy, and J. A. Flickinger.

On motion, the Synod has heard with pleasure the

statement of Rev. L. L. Smith about Front Royal, and that he be requested to overlook the interests of our work at that point.

The Report of the Executive and Advisory Board of Missions was then adopted as a whole.

Committee to Nominate a New Board:—Revs. G. W. Spiggle, Ed. L. Folk, and Mr. John M. Baylor.

LITERARY INSTITUTIONS.

Dr. Julius D. Dreher, President of Roanoke College, read the annual report of the College, which was referred to the Committee on Literary Institutions.

Rev. James Willis, Principal of Staunton Female Seminary, read his report, which was referred to the Committee on Literary Institutions.

The following report was read, considered by items, and adopted:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 1— PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Your committee, to whom was referred the report of the President, present the following:

There are three items in the President's Report, claiming the special attention of your committee:

1. Attention is directed to the death of a venerable, learned, and highly useful member of this body, Rev. J. F. Campbell, D. D.

We recommend that a committee be appointed to present a short account of his life, character, and services, and to draft suitable resolutions in reference to his death.

2. The President refers to the correspondence held with the representatives of the Brandonville pastorate, and also presents a letter from the secretary of the joint council "stating that they had regard for the wishes of the Synod, and that for the present, at least, they would continue with us in the relation that they have sustained for so long a time."

We recommend that the President write to the Secretary, and inform him, and through him the pastorate, of our great pleasure and gratification at their determination to remain with us.

3. The President has in his hands the reports of beneficiaries and correspondence in connection therewith.

We recommend that these reports and letters be referred to Ministerium.

We recommend that all the official acts of the President, as given in his report, be approved, and that the thanks of this body are due to him for the faithful and efficient manner in which he has performed the duties of his office.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. SHRECKHISE,
L. G. M. MILLER,
G. T. ALPHIN.

Committee on Memoir of Rev. J. F. Campbell, D. D.:—Revs. J. A. Snyder, L. G. M. Miller, D. D., and W. J. Smith.

The following report was read, considered by items, and adopted:

REPORT OF BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

To the President and Members of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Virginia:

Your Board, elected for the purpose of Church Extension, has done very little since last meeting of Synod. In fact, quite a good deal of the subscriptions reported one year ago have not yet been collected

The chief reason of this is that we have had no place that demanded the attention of your Board. We have made investigations at Charlestown, W. Va., Huntington, Covington, Front Royal, and other places. We found no encouragement at any of these places except Front Royal. The President of the Board visited this point and reports growing prospects for our church there.

The Board will watch this point, and as soon as it is deemed advisable, will begin the erection of a place of worship there.

The great financial depression for the past year is another reason why we have not pushed the collection of these subscriptions.

We here incorporate into our report the Report of the Treasurer of this Board, C. C. Berry.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

C. C. BERRY, TREAS. OF THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION,
IN ACCOUNT WITH THE EVANG. LUTHERAN SYNOD OF VIRGINIA.

1891.		CR.	
Aug.	21.	Balance on hand	$407 10
Aug.	21.	Received from Strasburg congregation	25 00
Aug.	24.	Received from Churchville pastorate	15 00
Aug.	31.	Received from Shepherdstown	28 00
Aug.	7.	Received from Rockbridge pastorate	100 00
Sept.	21.	Received from Madison pastorate	145 00

Sept.	21.	Received from Waynesboro pastorate	15 00
Sept.	28.	Received from Basic City pastorate	65 50
Sept.	28.	Received from Mt. Tabor pastorate	23 50
Oct.	20.	Received from Woodstock church	55 00
Oct.	22.	Received from Basic City pastorate	29 50
Nov.	23.	Received from Waynesboro pastorate	10 00
Dec.	9.	Received from Christ Church, Staunton	35 00
			$953 60

DR.

1891.				
Sept.	16.	To cash paid Mrs. P. S. Wise, Treasurer Trinity Church, Buena Vista	$333 00	
Oct.	20.	To cash paid Mrs. P. S. Wise, Treasurer Trinity Church, Buena Vista	334 00	
1892.				
Feb.	22.	To cash paid Mrs. P. S. Wise, Treasurer Trinity Church, Buena Vista	250 00	
Aug.	22.	To cash paid for charter	18 50	$ 935 50
		Balance on hand		$ 18 10

Staunton, Va., Aug. 22, 1892.

The Board was incorporated by the courts of Virginia at a cost of only eighteen dollars. We have invested $1,250.00 at Buena Vista, five hundred of which is to be refunded to the Board as stated on page 19 of Minutes of last year.

The Board would call the attention of Synod to the urgent need of a pastor at Buena Vista. Also the importance of arranging for regular preaching at Front Royal. If Synod will send some one there to minister to these, we feel sure that before the next meeting of Synod the Board will have a church building there.

Again the Board would call the attention of Synod to the fact that the term for which our Board was elected has now expired.

H. F. SHEALY,
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD,
J. E. SHENK, SECRETARY,
C. C. BERRY, TREASURER,
A. KOINER,
J. R. DAVIS,
J. H. ZITTLE,
T. J. COOPER.

The following report was read, considered by items, and adopted:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 5—ON MINUTES OF LAST SYNOD.

On page 16. Did the delegates to the United Synod attend? Answered, yes. Also, on page 16 is found a recommendation to the pastors to take up a collection in their several pastorates for the benefit of the Southern Orphans' Home, near Salem, Va. Did the pastors attend to this duty? Answered generally, yes.

On page 25, the congregation at Browntown requests that they be provided by this Synod with regular services once a month. Has this been done? Answered, yes.

On page 29 is a resolution which will be reported on by the Executive and Advisory Board of Missions. Answered, yes.

On page 32, did Rev. Asa Richard supply Fairview? Answered, yes.

Page 36, did the Potomac Conference ordain Rev. P. J. Wade at its convention at Wardensville in October, 1891? Answered, yes.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. SNYDER,
J. C. SEEGERS,
J. RUFUS ZIRKLE.

The following report was read and adopted:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 12—ON MINUTES OF CONFERENCES.

We, your Committee on Minutes of the Potomac and Southern Conferences of the Virginia Synod, would report the following:

I. THE POTOMAC CONFERENCE.

The officers of said conference are Rev. W. J. Smith, President; Rev. E. L. Folk, Secretary; Rev. J. A. Snyder, Treasurer.

Two conventions have been held since last meeting of Synod: one in St. Peter's church, Wardensville pastorate, October 13, 1891; the other, in Union church, Smithfield pastorate, May 10, 1892.

There is one unexcused absentee from the last convention of conference, Rev. A. A. J. Bushong. Rev. A. F. Richardson, who lives in the bounds of this conference, according to the roll, has not joined said conference.

There is nothing further in the record demanding the attention of Synod.

The secretary has kept the records in a neat condition. The next convention will be held in St. John's church, Gravel Springs pastorate, on Tuesday before the full moon in October, 1892.

II. THE SOUTHERN CONFERENCE.

The officers of this conference are Rev. H. F. Shealy, President; Rev. G. W. Spiggle, Secretary; Rev. W. B. Oney, Treasurer.

Two conventions have been held since last meeting of Synod: one in St. James church, Mt. Sidney, October 21, 1891; and the other in Trinity church, Buena Vista, May 18, 1892.

We find Revs. J. L. Buck and Prof. James Willis absent from the last convention and not excused. Rev. P. L. Miller has not joined the conference. The next convention will be held in Pleasant View church, of the Churchville pastorate, November 2, 1892.

The records are neatly kept by the secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. SPIGGLE,
L. M. SIBOLE,
JNO. M. BAYLOR.

The following report was read and adopted:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 3—TREASURER'S REPORT.

We, your committee, have carefully examined the Treasurer's, Rev. V. R. Stickley, Report, and find the same, with vouchers, correct, with $152.92 deposited in Waynesboro Bank and $79.61 turned over to Rev. D. M. Moser, as Acting Treasurer. Also have carefully examined his report as Acting Treasurer, and find the same, with vouchers and notes, correct, and both well kept.

We find a balance in the treasury of $585.43.

Respectfully submitted,

G. H. SNARR,
P. S. WISE,
F. W. HAMER.

On motion, Revs. P. J. Wade and Ed. L. Folk, and Maj. A. Koiner, were excused from attendance on this convention after the morning session of tomorrow.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. P. J. Wade.

FIFTH SESSION.

MELANCHTHON CHAPEL, VA.,
AUGUST 26, 1892, 9 A. M.

Synod convened. Prayer by Rev. Ed. L. Folk. Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

Mr. A. H. Snyder, the delegate of the Harrisonburg church, presented his credentials, and was enrolled.

On motion, Mr. Oscar Barr, lay-delegate from the

Winchester congregation, was excused from further attendance at this convention.

DEPOSITORY OF SYNODICAL FUNDS.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be instructed to deposit the funds of this body in some National Bank.

ORPHANAGE.

The following report was read, considered by items, and adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO WHOM WAS REFERRED THE QUESTION OF THE ORPHANAGE AND MR. P. L. TERRY'S PROPOSITION MADE TO THE UNITED SYNOD OF THE SOUTH.

This proposition is, that Mr. Terry will donate property worth $15,000.00, located between Salem and Roanoke, in the State of Virginia, and $15,000.00 in money for the establishment of an orphanage of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, provided the various Synods, composing the United Synod of the South, will raise $40,000.00, including the Southwest Virginia Synod's portion of $10,000.00.

The method of raising this amount is as follows: That the United Synod pay annually the interest on said sum at the rate of six per cent., and an additional sum of at least 1½ per cent., which latter sum shall constitute a sinking fund, to be placed in the hands of the Finance Committee for investment as endowment fund. It is understood that this annual contribution shall continue until the sum of $30,000.00 shall be accumulated through the sinking fund agreement as an endowment.

The Virginia Synod's apportionment of this fund is $700.00 which sum shall be paid annually till our portion of the $30,000.00 has been raised as above stated.

Your committee, to whom this matter was referred, would report the following:

1. That Mr. Terry's proposition be accepted.

2. That the question be referred to the Committee on Apportionments and Appropriations, to be apportioned among the various congregations of the Synod.

3. That Christmas, or the Sunday nearest thereto, be made Orphans' day whereon this subject be presented, and this apportionment shall be raised from our congregations.

4. That the Secretary of Synod officially notify Mr. Terry and Rev. J. B. Greever of our action with regard to this matter.

5. That all the contributions for this cause pass through the hands of the Treasurer of Synod.

Resolved, That we accept of Mr. Terry's most generous offer on the condition, that the proposed Orphanage be and remain under the control of the Synods of the United Synod contributing to its endowment and support.

We also give it as the sense of this Synod that, after the death of Mr. Terry, and provided the Board of Trustees controlling the endowment fund of the Orphans' Home be self-perpetuating, appointments to said Board be with the consent of the Board of Directors of said Orphans' Home.

A. KOINER,
L. G. M. MILLER,
J. A. FLICKENGER,
H. F. SHEALY,
L. L. SMITH,
COMMITTEE.

On motion, Messrs. A. H. Towberman and Geo. T. Alphin were excused from attendance after this morning's session.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. W. J. Smith.

SIXTH SESSION.

MELANCHTHON CHAPEL, VA.,
AUGUST 26, 1892, 2 P. M.

Synod convened. Prayer by Rev. J. A. Flickinger. Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

On motion, Rev. Mr. Snyder, of the U. B. church, was invited to a seat within the bar of Synod.

The Committee to Nominate an Executive and Advisory Board of Missions reported, and their report was adopted: Revs. L. G. M. Miller, D. D., J. A. Snyder, W. J. Smith, L. L. Smith, Asa Richard, and Messrs. Henry Baetjer and C. W. Heater.

The following report was read, considered by items, and adopted:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 7— LITERARY INSTITUTIONS.

The reports of Dr. J. D. Dreher, President of Roanoke College, and Prof. James Willis, of Staunton Female Seminary, have been placed in our hands.

We are very much gratified to learn from Dr. Dreher's report that Roanoke College has not only maintained her high standing, but enjoyed increased prosperity.

Besides the many natural and material advantages which she already enjoys, we are glad to note that additional religious instruction will be given as a part of the regular course for graduation. She has also added a preparatory school for boys, and greatly improved her buildings, thereby adding materially to the comfort and convenience of her students, increasing her facilities, and widening out the sphere of her usefulness. Roanoke now offers to all her patrons splendid advantages, and an opportunity for our boys and young men to take a preparatory, college, commercial, or partial course of study, just as they may elect.

The report of Prof. Willis is also very gratifying. In the large patronage, splendid health, successful commencement exercises, and fine prospects, the principal, his associates, and friends of the institution in general, have much not only for which to be grateful, but much to encourage them. This Seminary of the Mountain City of Virginia, with its many natural advantages, offers to our young ladies many fine advantages to secure a higher education.

Both these institutions deserve the continued confidence and increased patronage of all our pastors and people.

As suggested by the heads of these institutions, we recommend that the first Sunday in May be set apart as "College Day," when the subject of education may be presented to our congregations.

J. A. FLICKINGER,
C. N. A. YONCE,
J. F. CRIGLER,
COMMITTEE.

The following report was read, considered by items, and adopted :

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 10—ON LETTERS AND PETITIONS.

The following papers have been placed in the hands of your committee :

1. A letter from Rev. A. F. Richardson, asking to be excused from this meeting of Synod on account of bad health. We recommend that he be excused.

2. A letter from Rev. V. R. Stickley, corresponding delegate of the North Carolina Synod, conveying the fraternal greetings of said Synod to this body, and expressing his regret that circumstances are such that he cannot be with us. We recommend that his letter be read to Synod.

3. A petition from the Woodstock charge, signed by all the official members of three of the congregations, praying Synod to divide the pastorate; the rearrangement to be as follows: Woodstock and St. Peter's to form a pastorate, which will be self-supporting, and that Mt. Zion and St. Luke's form a pastorate, and that the minister's salary be supplemented by Synod to the extent of $200 or $250. We refer this matter to the judgment of Synod.

Respectfully submitted, W. J. SMITH,
L. G. M. MILLER,
OSCAR BARR,

DIVISION OF THE WOODSTOCK PASTORATE.

Resolved, That the division of the Woodstock pastorate be referred to the Board of Missions for immediate action.

The following report was read and adopted:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 2—SECRETARY'S REPORT.

We, your committee, have examined the Secretary's Report, and find it correct, and further the following for the action of this body:

1. The Secretary suggests that the thanks of this body be tendered J. M. Schryver, Esq., Assistant Gen. Passenger Agent of B. & O. R. R., for reduced rates to our synodical convention. We recommend that the Secretary be instructed to tender the special thanks of this body to the above named Gen. Pass. Agent.

2. We further recommend that the expenditures of the Secretary be met with an order on the treasury for $2.00.

Respectfully submitted, J. L. BUCK,
W. H. BERRY,
MARTIN GROVE.

The following report was received and adopted:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 8—VACANT CONGREGATIONS.

Your committee submit the following:

We find the following pastorates and church vacant: Churchville pastorate and Fairview.

We recommend that Revs. J. M. Shreckhise and G. W. Spiggle supply Churchville and co-operate with them in securing a pastor. And that this Synod assist them financially at least to the amount of $50 upon the condition that they raise $350.

That Fairview be supplied by Rev. Asa Richard.

Respectfully submitted, A. A. J. BUSHONG,
ASA RICHARD,
HENRY HEISHMAN.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS.

Resolved, That the Board of Missions be instructed to make an estimate of the amount necessary to prosecute their work successfully during the next synodical year, and apportion the amount among the Sunday-schools of the Synod at as early a date as possible, and notify the pastors of the same.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT CONVENTION.

Tuesday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1893, was selected as the time, and First Church, Richmond, Va., Rev. J. C. Seegers, pastor, as the place of next convention of Synod.

Committee to Nominate Board of Church Extension:— Revs. W. J. Smith, A. A. J. Bushong, and Mr. A. H. Snyder.

On motion, Rev. Asa Richard and Mr. G. H. Snarr were excused after this evening's session.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. G. W. Spiggle.

SEVENTH SESSION.

MELANCHTHON CHAPEL, VA.,
AUGUST 27, 1892, 9 A. M.

Synod convened. Prayer by Rev. A. A. J. Bushong. Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

On motion, Rev. L. K. Probst, Secretary of the Board of Missions of the United Synod, was received as an advisory member of Synod.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

The following Board of Church Extension was elected for the ensuing two years:

Revs. H. F. Shealy and J. E. Shenk, and Maj. A. Koiner, Dr. R. F. Davis, Thos. J. Cooper, J. H. Zittle, and C. C. Berry.

MEMOIR OF REV. J. F. CAMPBELL, D. D.

The following report was read and adopted by a rising vote, the Synod being led in prayer by Rev. J. A. Snyder:

MEMOIR

OF

REV. J. F. CAMPBELL, D. D.

John Francis Campbell was born at the Catoctin Furnace, two miles west of Creagerstown, Frederick County, Md., on Sunday, 12 o'clock M., February 17, 1811, and was baptized April 20, 1811, by Rev. George Bowers. Dr. Campbell first entered the profession of law, in which he engaged for a period of six years. In 1841, he made a profession of faith in Christ, and like Paul he asked, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do!" After mature deliberation he determined to abandon the practice of the law, and consecrate his life to the Ministry of the Gospel of Christ. Accordingly, after spending about one year in the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, he came to Virginia, in December, 1843, and received license from the President of the Virginia Synod. He was regularly licensed by the Synod at Winchester, in 1844, and ordained, at Shepherdstown, in 1845. He began his ministerial life at Strasburg in December, 1843, and after serving charges in Maryland and Pennsylvania, closed his active labors in the same pastorate after a period of about thirty years. Dr. Campbell was a man of great firmness of character; possessed of intellectual ability,—a vigorous and eloquent preacher, and as an expounder of the Word exercised a mighty influence for good in all the pastorates which he served. He was held in high esteem by his ministerial brethren, and those who knew him best, loved him most.

Brother Campbell was born on the Lord's day; was the faithful servant of the Lord, and about 5 o'clock on Sunday morning, January 3, 1892, calmly passed "through the valley of the shadow of death,"—aged 80 years, 10 months, and 17 days.

Your committee recommend the following:

1. *Resolved*, That we humbly submit to the will of his God, and our God who can never err.

2. *Resolved*, That we cherish his memory, as a brother in Christ dearly beloved.

3. *Resolved*, That we extend our sincere sympathy to his dear and bereaved family.

4. *Resolved*, That the Secretary be instructed to send a copy of our Minutes to the stricken family.

J. A. SNYDER,
L. G. M. MILLER,
W. J. SMITH.

Addresses on the life, work, and character of the departed brother were made by Revs. J. M. Shreckhise, L. G. M. Miller, D. D., P. Miller, and L. L. Smith.

The following report was read and adopted:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 7—STATE OF THE CHURCH.

We, your Committee on State of the Church, have carefully examined the papers which were placed in our hands, and are gratified to be able to report much that is encouraging. The people of most of our pastorates have to a very encouraging degree evidenced their love for the Master by their intelligent zeal and activity in His cause.

It has ever been one of the prominent features of our zion to lay much emphasis upon the preached Word, and the fact that our people are developing a better appreciation for the church and her doctrines and a greater love for the Word is manifest by the increased attendance upon divine service. When the people arrive at the knowledge of the fact, that the Word of God is the very food and aliment of life, and hunger and thirst for that Word, then may we expect to see them growing in grace, and when they realize that they as well as their ministers are true worshipers, and eagerly avail themselves of the benefits of waiting upon the Lord in his sanctuary, then may we expect increased activity in zion and a more hearty co-operation between pastor and people, and the blessing of the Lord will rest upon their efforts, and daily will be added to the church such as are being saved.

The Sunday-schools show evidences of marked improvement, but there is much yet to be done in this line, and it is to be regretted that many of our schools are run only for a short season. God's method in all ages of the church has been to care first of all for the children of the church, and to bring them up in the fold. The Sunday-school has unfortunately to a great extent displaced the catechetical class, and catechisation is neglected to a lamentable degree, and if the Sunday-school and catechetical class which are the nursery of the church be neglected, we have need of great fear for the future of our beloved zion.

The finances of the church are very encouraging. There are but few congregations that have reported indebtedness. The spirit of benevolence, we are glad to report, is developing to a gratifying degree. But this is sadly below what it should be.

With all the encouraging features of our church work, there are some to discourage. Catechetical instruction does not receive the attention which it should, the subject of higher education is too much neglected, and our church schools are not receiving the support which they deserve.

In order to a proper appreciation for our church, our people must

have some knowledge, views of her history, workings, and doctrines. Through our church's literature much of this knowledge is to be obtained. It is to be regretted therefore that so few of our people read our church papers.

Our past should encourage us to go forth, endeavoring to profit by its experiences and to avoid its errors, and with grateful hearts to redouble our zeal and activity in the work of our Lord Jesus Christ and in the salvation of souls.

D. P. CRICKENBERGER,
P. J. WADE,
A. H. TOWBERMAN,
COMMITTEE.

The following report was read and adopted:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 9—CHURCH LITERATURE.

WHEREAS, It is of vast importance that our people be made more fully acquainted with the general work of the church at large, believing that their interest in the work of the church as a whole, and of the individual congregation, to be greatly increased through such knowledge:

Resolved, That the pastors be recommended to give more attention to the dissemination of church literature, by impressing upon the people the need of such information.

Resolved, That as Lutheran people, special emphasis be placed upon the Lutheran literature of our church.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. S. SHEPPARD,
E. L. FOLK,
LEE AREHART.

MISSION WORK OF THE UNITED SYNOD.

Rev. L. K. Probst, Secretary, presented the general mission work of the Board of the United Synod, and the Synod heard with pleasure his remarks.

MISSIONARY AND SUNDAY-SCHOOL CONVENTION.

Resolved, That there be held during the summer of 1893 a Synodical Missionary and Sunday-school Convention at some point within our bounds, to continue in session not longer than four days, to present the subjects of Missions and Sunday-schools.

Resolved 2, That the Executive and Advisory Board of Missions have the authority to call the convention, select time and place, determine the representation of each Sunday-school, arrange a schedule of exercises, and all other matter needful to make such a convention a success.

The following resolution was adopted:

THANKS TO THE WINCHESTER CONGREGATION.

Resolved, That we as a Synod express our hearty appreciation of the benevolence of the members of the Winchester congregation, in their pledge to support Bro. Peery, our Missionary to Japan. Their contribution to Foreign Mission is timely and needed. And whilst we devoutly thank God for their spirit of liberality, and commend their example, we sincerely pray that God may give the same spirit of liberality in larger measure to all our people that many of our congregations may do likewise.

L. S. WALKER,
H. F. SHEALY,
J. A. FLICKINGER.

EXCUSED.

On motion, Messrs. J. R. Zirkle, Henry Heishman, and L. S. Walker were excused from further attendance on this convention after this morning's session.

Adjourned. Prayer by the Secretary.

EIGHTH SESSION.

MELANCHTHON CHAPEL, VA.,
AUGUST 27, 1892, 4 P. M.

Synod convened. Prayer by Rev. J. W. S. Sheppard. Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

THANKS.

Resolved, That the President of the Synod be authorized, at the close of convention, to return the hearty thanks of this body to the pastor and members of Melanchthon Chapel congregation and friends of the community, for the very generous hospitality extended while sojourning in their midst.

The following report was read, considered by items, amended, and adopted:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 4—APPORTIONMENTS AND APPROPRIATIONS.

Your Committee on Apportionments and Appropriations beg leave to report the following:

(1) That the Synodical Fund, Home Missions, and Pastors' Fund remain as they now are.

(2) That the apportionments for Foreign Missions, Beneficiary Education, and Orphans' Fund be as follows:

APPORTIONMENTS.

Pastorates.	Beneficiary Fund.	Synodical Fund.	Home Missions.	Pastors' Fund.	Orphans' Fund.	Foreign Missions.
Aurora	$13 75	$8 00	$64 00	$ 8 00	$40 00	$40 00
Bethany	8 55	5 00	40 00	4 00	25 00	25 00
Brandonville	13 75	5 00	40 00	8 00	25 00	25 00
Basic City (Bethlehem)	16 00	4 00	24 00	4 00	20 00	20 00
Buena Vista (Trinity)	8 00	2 00	12 00	2 00	10 00	10 00
Bethlehem		2 00	8 00	2 50	5 00	5 00
Capon	7 00	4 00	32 00	4 00	20 00	20 00
Churchville	7 00	4 00	32 00	5 00	20 00	20 00
Gravel Springs	12 00	7 00	56 00	8 00	35 00	35 00
Harrisonburg	3 25	2 00	16 00	3 00	10 00	10 00
Lebanon	7 00	5 00	50 00	5 00	20 00	20 00
Madison	18 00	10 00	80 00	10 00	50 00	50 00
Mt. Jackson	15 50	9 00	72 00	12 00	45 00	45 00
Mason	7 00	4 00	32 00	5 00	20 00	20 00
New Market } St. Matthew.	13 75	5 00	40 00	4 50	25 00	20 00
New Market } St. Mark's.	8 00	2 00	12 00	2 00	10 00	10 00
New Market } St. Martin.	8 00	2 00	12 00	2 00	10 00	10 00
Richmond	5 00	2 50	20 00	8 00	12 50	15 00
Rockingham	5 50	3 00	24 00	5 00	15 00	15 00
Shepherdstown	35 00	20 00	160 00	12 00	100 00	100 00
Staunton	10 00	10 00	60 00	5 00	25 00	30 00
Strasburg	8 55	5 00	40 00	8 00	25 00	25 00
Smithfield	4 00	1 50	12 00	2 00	7 50	10 00
Salem	8 55	5 00	40 00	5 00	20 75	20 75
Waynesboro	13 00	7 50	60 00	8 00	37 50	40 00
Winchester	37 00	22 00	196 00	15 00	110 00	
Woodstock	13 00	7 50	60 00	8 00	37 50	40 00
Middlebrook } Holy Trinity.	3 50	2 00	16 00	6 00	10 00	10 00
Middlebrook } St. Mark's.	3 00	1 50	12 00	4 00	7 50	10 00
Mt. Tabor	11 00	6 00	48 00	10 00	30 00	30 00

APPROPRIATIONS.

To printing and distributing Minutes	$ 85.00
To salary Secretary and expenses office	27.00
To J. J. Brubeck	91.00
To R. A. Helms	125.00
To Luther Hogshead	125.00
To Harrisonburg	400.00
To Smithfield charge	75.00
To United Synod for Home Missions	1050.00
To United Synod for Foreign Missions	700.00
To Orphans' Fund	700.00

To Churchville 50.00
To the order of the Ministerium 75.00
To interest on Sem. Fund 120.00

That the Mission Board supply Buena Vista with preaching through the assistance of the Sunday-schools of the Synod.

H. F. SHEALY,
W. J. SMITH,
G. W. SPIGGLE,
A. KOINER,
L. S. WALKER.

SYNODICAL FUNDS.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this Synod altogether disapprove the diverting of contributions to special objects, from the immediate use to which they have been given; and we do hereby absolutely and strenuously order those who handle the moneys of the Synod to hold them sacredly to the object to which they have been contributed, and under no circumstances whatever to use them, even temporarily, for any other purpose whatsoever, be the seeming necessity or pressure so to divert them what it may.

MINUTES.

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to have printed and distributed 1500 copies of the Minutes of the convention.

SPEAKERS FOR 1893.

Ordination—Rev. L. G. M. Miller, D. D.
Missions—Rev. J. A. Flickinger.
Education—Rev. J. E. Shenk.

The following report was read and adopted:

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Staunton	$ 13 25
Capon charge	10 18
Brandonville	10 00
Basic City	5 00
Waynesboro	30 00
New Market	12 00
	$ 80 43
Woodstock added	10 00
	$ 90 43

HOME MISSIONS.

Staunton	$ 13 00
Harrisonburg	16 00
Gravel Springs	25 00
Mt. Tabor	2 50
Capon charge	14 00
Bethany	20 00
Aurora	26 00
Brandonville	15 00
Basic City	12 00
Waynesboro	26 85
Madison	60 00
Rockingham	5 80
Strasburg	37 16
	$273 31
Middlebrook	28 00
	$301 31

PASTORS' FUND.

Harrisonburg	$ 3 00
Mason pastorate	5 00
Gravel Springs	8 00
Capon charge	4 00
Bethany	2 00
Basic City	2 00
Waynesboro	8 00
Madison	10 00
Rockingham	8 00
	$ 50 00
Middlebrook added	10 00
	$ 60 00

BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.

Harrisonburg	$ 2 00
Capon charge	4 00
Bethany	5 00
Brandonville	6 15
Basic City	4 00
Rockingham	1 00
	$ 22 15
Middlebrook added	4 50
	$26 65

ORPHANS' HOME.

Bethany	$ 5 00

SYNODICAL FUND.

Mt. Jackson	$ 64 25
Staunton	8 66
Harrisonburg	2 00
Gravel Springs	7 00
Smithfield charge	8 00
Capon pastorate	4 00
Bethany	5 00
Brandonville	10 00
Basic City	2 00
New Market	70 46
Rockingham	1 00
	$182 37
Middlebrook added	3 50
	$185 87

Foreign Missions	$ 80 43
Home Missions	273 31
Pastors' Fund	50 00
Beneficiary Education	22 15
Orphans' Home	5 00
Synodical Fund	182 37
Woman's Mission transferred to Foreign Mission	10 00
	$623 26
Added	46 00
	$669 26

J. H. ZITTLE,
S. T. SHANK,
PHILIP WILLIAMS,
COMMITTEE.

The following report was read and adopted :

REPORT OF DELEGATION TO UNITED SYNOD.

The following brethren in the orderings of Providence were permitted to represent the Virginia Synod at the Convention of the United Synod at Knoxville, Tenn.: Revs. D. M. Moser, L. G. M. Miller, D. D., J. A. Snyder, W. J. Smith, G. W. Spiggle, and Maj. A. Koiner and J. E. Cooper, Esq.

It gives us great pleasure to report that the Convention throughout

was one of marked characteristics, the chief of which were fraternity, enlarged views, and renewed consecration to the work of the Lord. The formal actions taken will all come before you in a regular way; hence, require no further notice at our hand.

DELEGATION

EXCUSED.

On motion, Rev. J. E. Shenk was excused for non-attendance on this convention of Synod.

Adjourned. Benediction by the President.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct record of the proceedings of the Sixty-third Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Virginia, held in Melanchthon Chapel, Va., August 23–28, inclusive, to the best of my knowledge.

L. L. SMITH,

Secretary of Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Virginia.

MINUTES

OF THE

MINISTERIUM

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Virginia.

FIRST SESSION.

MELANCHTHON CHAPEL, VA.,
AUGUST 24, 1892, 4 P. M.

Ministerium convened. Prayer by Rev. J. L. Buck.

Several applications were made for ordination, and, on motion, the Examining Committee were directed to examine the applicants.

Adjourned. Benediction by the President.

SECOND SESSION.

MELANCHTHON CHAPEL, VA.,
AUGUST 27, 1892, 2 P. M.

Ministerium convened. Prayer by Rev. C. N. A. Yonce.

Resolved, That the course of the President in reference to our beneficiaries be heartily approved.

Resolved, That Candidate J. J. Brubeck be recommended to Synod for an appropriation of $91.00, to pursue his studies; Candidate Luther Hogshead for $125, and Candidate R. A. Helms for $125.

Resolved, That the Synod be requested to appropriate $75.00 out of the Pastors' Fund, to be used in accordance with resolution of Ministerium.

EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATES.

The following report of the Examining Committee was received and adopted:

Your committee examined Revs. R. B. Peery, Paul Sieg, and P. L. Miller, and recommend that the Revs. Peery and Sieg be ordained Sunday afternoon, and that the license of Rev. Miller be renewed for one year.

J. A. SNYDER,
J. M. MOSER,
W. J. SMITH,
L. G. M. MILLER,
H. F. SHEALY,
COMMITTEE.

BENEFICIARIES.

Resolved, That this Synod is responsible for the support of its beneficiaries only to the extent of its appropriations, as recorded on its Minutes, and that it will not pay either directly or indirectly any debts incurred by them.

Adjourned. Benediction by President.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct record of the proceedings of the Sixty-third Convention of the Ministerium of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Virginia, held in Melanchthon Chapel, Va., August 23–28, 1892, inclusive, to the best of my knowledge.

L. L. SMITH,
Sec'y of the Ministerium of the Evang. Luth. Synod of Va.

DIVINE SERVICES.

MELANCHTHON CHAPEL.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 1892.

8 P. M.—Sermon. Rev. L. L. Smith, Strasburg, Va.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 1892.

11.00 A. M.—Sermon. Rev. J. A. Flickinger, Madison C. H., Va.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 1892.

11.00 A. M.—Sermon. Rev. Ed. L. Folk, Mt. Jackson, Va., followed by an address by Rev. R. B. Peery.

8.00 P. M.—Rev. C. N. A. Yonce, Harrisonburg, Va.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26, 1892.

8.00 P. M.—Sermon. Rev. W. H. Berry, Brandonville, W. Va.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27, 1892.

3.30 P. M.—Preparatory services. Sermon by Rev. A. A. J. Bushong, Woodstock, Va.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 1892.

11.00 A. M.—Sermon. Rev. L. G. M. Miller, D. D., Winchester, Va.

3.00 P. M.—Ordination Sermon. Rev. J. M. Shreckhise, Moffett's Creek, Va., followed by ordination of Revs. Paul Sieg and R. B. Peery.

11.00 A. M.—Sermon in the grove. Rev. J. A. Snyder, New Market, Va.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That the Treasurer is directed to correspond with any beneficiaries who have received aid from Synod in the prosecution of their studies, and who have abandoned their intention of entering the Ministry, and urge upon them in view of the pressing needs of Synod, the importance of refunding the amount of principal and interest due upon their bonds.

Resolved, That no application for clerical membership in this Synod, made by a minister who has been dismissed from another denomination, shall be entertained by the Ministerium, or Synod, unless his application be approved by at least three-fourths of the Ministerium present at any regular or special convention thereof, and unless the candidate shall have received, and present for inspection a regular call from a pastorate or congregation under the jurisdiction of this body.

Resolved, That no minister shall be allowed to take charge of a pastorate or vacant church until the members thereof shall have satisfactorily settled their pecuniary obligations with their previous pastor.

Resolved, That every pastor be required to give a written report on the state of the church at our annual meetings.

Resolved, That, in the reception of lay-delegates at the organization of Synod, a written certificate be required, signed by the pastor and secretary of the council.

FORM FOR REPORTS ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

I. Activity in Christian Work.
II. Attendance on Service.
III. Benevolence.
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PASTOR'S NAME.	PASTORATES.	PAROCHIAL.													SUNDAY-SCHOOL					BENEVOLENCE.								
				LOSSES			ACCESSIONS.						FINANCES.																
		Churches.	Stations.	Deaths.	Certificate.	Excommunication	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Certificate.	Restoration.	Communicant Membership.	Estimated Value of Church Property.	Indebtedness.	Local Expenses for All Objects.	Lutheran.	Union.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Contributions.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Beneficiary Education.	Woman's Miss. Soc.	Pastors' Fund.	Orphans' Home.	External Objects.
A. F. Richardson	Aurora	5	1	8	1		15	.	10	2	.	500	$ 8 000	. . . .	$ 700 00	3	2	30	450	$ 60 00	$ 8 00	$ 30 00	. . .	$ 8 00	. . .	$ 8 00	. . .	. . . .
J. M. Shreckhise	Bethany	2	1	1	1	.	1	13	9	2	.	157	2 000	. . . .	400 00	1	1	20	100	27 00	5 00	20 00	. . .	5 00	. . .	2 00	$5 00	$ 50 00
. . . . .	Bethlehem	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	70	. . .	. . . .	. . . .	1	.	6	50	. . . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . . .
W. H. Berry	Brandonville	6	2	4	1	.	8	4	11	3	2	301	9 249	. . . .	600 00	2	3	30	300	. . . .	10 00	15 00	$ 10 00	6 13	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . . .
J. E. Shenk	Basic City	1	.	1	5	.	11	2	10	4	1	116	3 500	. . . .	142 00	1	.	25	120	. . . .	2 00	12 00	5 00	3 00	. . .	3 00	. . .	. . . .
. . . . .	Buena Vista	1	.	1	6	.	.	6	15	1	.	25	4 164	$ 380 00	268 63	1	.	7	57	12 72	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . . .
P. J. Wade	Capon	5	.	2	3	.	8	11	5	.	1	259	5 000	. . . .	750 00	5	.	58	340	36 00	4 00	32 00	12 18	4 00	. . .	4 00	. . .	8 00
. . . . .	Churchville	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	101	3 000	. . . .	. . . .	2	.	25	180	. . . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . . .
C. N. A. Yonce	Harrisonburg	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	80	4 700	. . . .	503 26	1	.	13	98	53 26	2 00	16 00	. . .	2 00	. . .	3 00	. . .	10 00
W. J. Smith	Gravel Springs	5	.	5	1	.	13	6	9	1	.	329	3 000	. . . .	1000 00	5	.	50	350	132 00	7 00	115 02	62 00	7 00	. . .	8 00	40 00	. . . .
Asa Richard	Lebanon	2	2	2	.	.	5	1	9	1	2	165	3 000	. . . .	400 00	2	.	25	180	50 00	4 00	37 44	16 10	4 00	. . .	5 00	5 00	67 89
P. L. Miller	Mason	3	2	.	1	.	10	2	2	2	.	177	5 000	285 00	582 00	1	1	20	110	38 99	4 00	32 00	6 93	4 00	. . .	5 00	9 33	7 50
J. A. Flickinger	Madison	1	1	3	1	.	.	1	4	2	.	163	12 000	. . . .	750 00	1	.	16	92	35 34	10 00	91 08	10 00	10 00	$ 8 70	10 00	. . .	20 00
J. W. S. Sheppard	Middlebrook	3	.	1	.	.	7	3	1	.	.	92	6 200	. . . .	550 00	3	.	22	187	20 22	3 50	28 00	. . .	3 50	5 36	10 00	30 00	30 00
Ed. L. Folk	Mt. Jackson	3	.	4	.	.	14	1	3	1	1	219	13 500	200 00	725 00	2	1	22	221	74 00	7 02	51 74	22 00	29 16	. . .	13 53	28 38	. . . .
G. W. Spiggle	Mt. Tabor	1	.	9	4	.	5	5	3	5	.	334	8 000	. . . .	750 00	1	1	27	280	32 00	6 00	34 50	14 40	6 00	. . .	5 00	31 10	. . . .
J. A. Snyder	New Market	3	.	2	.	.	7	4	9	1	.	247	9 500	. . . .	590 00	2	.	31	161	20 00	70 46	6 00	16 14	. . .	20 59	. . .	26 00	. . . .
J. C. Seegers	Richmond	1	.	4	2	3	10	.	7	6	.	125	15 000	4 800 00	1000 00	1	.	14	71	. . . .	83 53	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . . .
J. L. Buck	Rockingham	3	1	3	1	.	1	1	5	.	.	130	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	2	2	16	200	21 48	3 00	28 60	. . .	3 00	. . .	5 00	6 25	. . . .
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MINUTES OF SIXTY-FOURTH CONVENTION

OF THE

EVAN. LUTHERAN SYNOD OF VIRGINIA.

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Virginia met pursuant to notice in St. Peter's church, Tom's Brook, Va., Tuesday evening, Sept. 5, 1893. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. W. B. Oney, Mt. Sidney, Va.

FIRST SESSION.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, TOM'S BROOK, VA.,
SEPTEMBER 6, 1893.

Synod was formally opened by the President, Rev. L. L. Smith, according to the form of service of the Book of Worship.

The clerical roll was called and absentees noted. Lay-Delegates presented their credentials and the names of those entitled to seats in the Synod were ordered to be placed on the roll.

MINISTERS.	ORDAINED	POST OFFICES.	LAY-DELEGATES.
Rev. J. M. Shreckhise**	1858	Moffatt's Creek, Va.	
" J. A. Snyder	1859	New Market, Va.	J. B. Dingledine.
" J. A. Flickinger	1859	Madison C. H., Va.	
" A. A. J. Bushong	1863	Woodstock, Va.	Josiah Wisman.
" M. R. Minnich*	1873	Philadelphia, Penn.	
" L. G. M. Miller, D. D.	1874	Winchester, Va.	
" Prof. Jas. Willis	1877	Staunton, Va.	
" W. J. Smith	1878	Mountain Falls, Va.	J. H. Cooper.
" H. E. Baily	1878	Churchville, Va.	S. B. Hulvey.
" L. M. Sibole	1880	Smithfield, W. Va.	
" L. L. Smith	1880	Strasburg, Va.	T. J. Fitzsimmons.
" G. W. Spiggle	1881	Middlebrook, Va.	G. W. Crist.
" W. B. Oney	1882	Mt. Sidney, Va.	N. I. Kagey.
" C. H. Rocky	1882	Shepherdstown, W. Va.	John H. Zittle.
" Ed. L. Folk	1884	Mt. Jackson, Va.	R. J. Walker.
" D. P. T. Crickenberger	1885	Waynesboro, Va.	John H. Grove.
" S. L. Keller	1887	Carmel, W. Va.	Lewis Stemple.
" C. N. A. Yonce	1887	Harrisonburg, Va.	
" H. F. Shealy	1888	Staunton, Va.	J. J. Prufer.
" H. E. Ebeling*	1889		
" Asa Richard	1889	Winchester, Va.	J. W. Snapp.
" J. E. Shenk	1890	Waynesboro, Va.	
" P. J. Wade	1891	Wardensville, W. Va.	Henry Heishman.
" J. C. Seegers**	1891	Richmond, Va.	
" R. B. Peery**	1892	Saga Hizen, Kyushu, Jap.	
" C. A. Freed	1893	Middlebrook, Va.	David Rusmiselle.
" D. W. Files		Capon Bridge, W. Va.	
" P. L. Miller †		New Haven, W. Va.	
		Rockingham	J. L. Wright.††

**Absent and excused. *Absent and not excused. †Licentiates ††Commissioner.

REGISTER.

NUMBER.	PASTORATE.	CHURCHES.	PASTORS.
1	Aurora	Salem, Centennial Chapel, St. John's, Grace Chapel, Texas	Rev. S. L. Keller.
2	Bethany	Bethany, Mt. Olive	Rev. J. M. Shreckhise.
3	Bethlehem	Bethlehem, Browntown	Vacant.
4	Brandonville	St. John's, Luther Chapel, St. Peter's, Mt. Zion, St. Mark's	Vacant.
5	Capon	Hebron, St. Peter's, North River, St. James', Mt. Moriah	Rev. P. J. Wade.
6	Churchville	St. Peter's, Pleasant View, St. Paul	Rev. H. E. Baily.
7	Gravel Springs	Bethel, Fremont, Gravel Springs, St. John's, St. James'	Rev. W. J. Smith.
8	Harrisonburg	Muhlenberg	Rev. C. N. A. Vonce.
9	Lebanon	Lebanon, St. Paul	Rev. Asa Richard.
10	Madison	Hebron	Rev. J. A. Flickinger.
11	Mt. Jackson	Mt. Calvary, Bethel, Crossroads	Rev. Ed. L. Folk.
12	Mason	New Haven, New Hope, White	Rev. P. L. Miller.
13	Middlebrook	Holy Trinity, Newport, St. Mark's	Rev. C. A. Freed.
14	Mt. Tabor	Mt. Tabor	Rev. G. W. Spiggle.
15	New Market	St. Matthew's, St. Mark's, St. Martin	Rev. J. A. Snyder.
16	Richmond	First English Lutheran Church	Rev. J. C. Seegers.
17	Rockingham	Frieden's, St. John's, Trinity	Vacant.
18	Shepherdstown	St. Peter's	Rev. C. H. Rocky.
19	Staunton	Christ Evang. Lutheran Church	Rev. H. F. Shealy.
20	Strasburg	St. Paul's, Trinity	Rev. L. L. Smith.
21	Smithfield	Stone's Chapel, Gerardstown, Smithfield	Rev. L. M. Sibole.
22	Salem	Salem, Melanchthon Chapel, St. James'	Rev. W. B. Oney.
23	Waynesboro	Zion, St. James'	Rev. D. P. T. Crickenberger.
24	Winchester	Grace Church	Rev. L. G. M. Miller, D. D.
25	Woodstock	Emmanuel, St. Peter's, Mt. Zion, St. Luke's	Rev. A. A. J. Bushong.
26	Basic City	Bethlehem	Rev. J. E. Shenk.
27	Buena Vista	Trinity	Vacant.

The President, Rev. L. L. Smith, read his report, which was received and laid on the table for future action.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

DEAR BRETHREN:—"Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."

Assembled again in God's providence as a Synod, in our 64th Annual Convention, it is proper for us to give thanks to our Heavenly Father for the manifold mercies and blessings of the past year. Trials, difficulties, and sorrows of various kinds have come to us all, yet, in reviewing the past year, the favors and benedictions coming to us individually, to our families, to the work of the ministry, and to our churches call on our souls to praise the Lord and forget not His benefits.

As required by the constitution, I now submit a brief statement of my official acts, and of such other matters as it is proper that I should bring to your attention.

I. REMOVAL OF THE PRESIDENT.

A few months after the adjournment of Synod, our President, Rev. D. M. Moser, of St. Peter's church, Shepherdstown, W. Va., received a call to the church at Schuylkill Haven, Pa., and accepted. Following the direction of the constitution, he committed to me the office, with a brief statement of his official acts. Being early in the year and having only acted in a few official duties, I have incorporated them in this report. I desire to bear testimony to the high regard in which our brother was held, not only by this Synod, but by the church South, and, being often honored in our synodical conventions, he was ever true and faithful, keeping every trust committed to him in the fear of the Master and in devotion to our beloved church. He will be sadly missed by us in our annual conventions, as a genial, painstaking, earnest, and active member of Synod for the past thirteen years.

II. DEATH OF REV. WM. RUSMISELLE.

Since our last convention, the oldest ordained minister of this Synod "has fallen on sleep and been gathered to his fathers," after having served his generation by the will of God. Rev. Wm. Rusmiselle, born in Augusta county, one of the first students of the Virginia Institute, spent his ministerial life in Hardy, Hampshire, Frederick, and Shenandoah counties, where he was useful and successful in the work of the ministry, being an earnest, persuasive preacher of the Gospel. He had a large circle of friends in the above counties, abiding and grateful, who loved him for his work's sake, and for the charm and gentleness of his own personality. For many years he was afflicted with nervous prostration, and in 1876 his sight faded away, and in consequence his face has generally been absent from our annual gatherings. For three or four weeks preceding his death he was seriously ill, and on December 30th, 1892, he peacefully passed away, surrounded by his devoted family. On New Year's day, 1893, his funeral took place from Lebanon church, Rev. Asa Richard conducting the services, and his body laid to rest in the beautiful cemetery adjoining. I suggest the appointment of committee to draft a memoir of our brother, and that a suitable hour be set aside for the reading of said memoir and hearing remarks by any of the brethren who may desire to make them.

III. CHANGE OF PLACE AND TIME OF MEETING.

Having been petitioned by the congregation at Richmond to change the place of meeting, and, both of the conferences having passed resolutions asking change of place and time, by virtue of the authority granted unto the President in the constitution, I appointed the time and place of our present meeting. I trust my action may meet your unanimous approval.

IV. RESIGNATIONS.

1. December 9, 1892, Rev. D. M. Moser informed me that he had resigned the Shepherdstown pastorate, to take effect the 3d Sunday of December, having accepted a call to Schuylkill Haven, Pa.

2. January 9, 1893, Rev. J. W. S. Sheppard informed me that he had resigned the Middlebrook pastorate, to take effect Feb. 1, 1893.

3. January 9, 1893, Rev. A. F. Richardson informed me that he had resigned the Aurora pastorate, Nov. 1, 1892, to take effect Nov. 27, 1892, having accepted a call to Grafton, W. Va.

4. January 19, 1893, Rev. J. L. Buck informed me that he had resigned the Rockingham pastorate, to take effect January 31, 1893.

5. April 27, 1893, Rev. A. D. R. Hancher resigned Trinity church, Buena Vista, to take effect May 1, 1893, having accepted a call to St. John's church, Knoxville, Tenn.

6. July 5, 1893, Rev. W. H. Berry informed me that he had resigned the Brandonville pastorate the last of June, to take effect at once, having accepted a call to Surprise, Nebraska.

V. DISMISSIONS.

Regular certificates of honorable dismissal were granted to the following brethren who had removed from our bounds:

1. January 13, 1893, to Rev. Paul Sieg, transferring him to the Southwestern Virginia Synod.

2. January 18, 1893, to Rev. D. M. Moser, transferring him to the East Pennsylvania Synod.

3. January 18, 1893, to Rev. A. F. Richardson, transferring him to the Maryland Synod.

4. June 28, 1893, to Rev. J. L. Buck, transferring him to the Allegheny Synod.

5. August 14, 1893, to Rev. W. H. Berry, transferring him to the Synod of Nebraska.

6. August 14, 1893, to Rev. A. D. R. Hancher, transferring him to the Holston Synod.

VI. CALLS ACCEPTED.

1. Early in September, Rev. A. D. R. Hancher accepted a call to Trinity church, Buena Vista, beginning his work.

2. March 15, 1893, Rev. S. L. Keller notified me that he had accepted a call to the Aurora pastorate, and began work Feb. 1, 1893.

3. June 27, 1893, Rev. C. A. Freed notified me that he had accepted a call to the Middlebrook pastorate, and began his work the second Sunday in June.

4. July 7, 1893, Rev. C. H. Rocky notified me that he had accepted a call to Shepherdstown, and began his work June the 18th.

VII. CREDENTIALS.

1. Dec. 2, 1893, Rev. H. E. Baily put in my hands a regular letter of dismissal from the S. W. Va. Synod, transferring him to this body.

2. Dec. 16, 1893, Rev. A. D. R. Hancher put in my hands a regular letter of dismissal from the Holston Synod, transferring him to this body.

3. March 16, 1893, Rev. S. L. Keller put in my hands a regular letter of dismissal from the South Carolina Synod, transferring him to this body.

4. Aug. 11, 1893, Rev. C. H. Rocky put in my hands a regular letter of dismissal from the Synod of Northern Indiana, transferring him to this body.

5. Sept. 5, 1893, Rev. C. A. Freed put in my hands a regular letter of dismissal from the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, transferring him to this body.

VIII. INSTALLATIONS.

1. Sunday, April 30, 1893, Rev. H. E. Baily was installed pastor of the Churchville pastorate, Rev. D. P. Crickenberger delivering the charge to the pastor and Rev. G. W. Spiggle the charge to the people.

2. It has been impossible for me to arrange for the installation of Revs. C. H. Rocky, at Shepherdstown; S. L. Keller, at Carmel; and C. A. Freed, at Middlebrook, but it is to be hoped that it can be done at this convention.

IX. CHURCHES CONSECRATED.

July 9, 1893, the new and beautiful St. Paul's church, of Strasburg, was consecrated, Rev. S. W. Owen, D. D., Hagerstown, Md., preaching the sermon, and the pastor conducting the consecration service. Other ministers present were: Revs. L. G. M. Miller, D. D., J. A. Snyder, W. J. Smith, H. F. Shealy, P. C. Wike, Ed. L. Folk. The church cost about $5,000, all of which was provided for before the consecration.

Nov. 20, 1892, the new and complete Trinity Church, Buena Vista, Va., built by the congregation and the Church Extension Board, was consecrated, Rev. H. F. Shealy, of Staunton, preaching the sermon, and Rev. Paul Sieg consecrating the church, assisted by Rev. J. E. Shenk, of Waynesboro.

X. THE ORPHAN WORK.

I have in my hands for the Synod a report of the South View Orphanage, which, at the proper time, should be read. It is a source of gladness to every heart interested in this divine work to know that the Synod of Virginia is not deaf to the appeal of the fatherless, and, if every Synod in the United Synod, had earnestly taken up this work, then the permanency of the South View Orphanage would have been assured. I would recommend to the Synod that this important

subject be given your careful and earnest attention at this convention, and that our position be so clear and well defined that this holy work may be pressed in every pastorate, not only in special offerings, but looking to large gifts and bequests for this Christlike work.

XI. THE PROTOCOL OF THE VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

The early history of our beloved church in the Valley bears its first written history in a series of conferences held from 1793 to 1817. The record book of these early conferences for many years was in the possession of the late, lamented Rev. George Diehl, D. D., of Frederick, Md., whom this Synod by resolution requested to return to them as legitimately belonging to the archives of this body. Dr. Diehl courteously replied to our then President, stating that he thought of depositing it in the Historical Library at Gettysburg. At the suggestion of brethren interested in the preservation of this priceless historical book, our late President, Rev. D. M. Moser, last October, wrote to Dr. Diehl's executor asking for the book, but received no reply. I call the attention of Synod to this fact that proper action may be taken.

XII. FINANCES.

According to a resolution, passed at our last convention, the finances have been brought under a more perfect and business-like system.—Yet the Treasurer has experienced no little difficulty in carrying out the synodical requirement. I would call the attention of the Synod to the fact that apportionments should always be equal to the appropriations, and the latter should never exceed the former. As the result of that oversight, the funds for beneficiary education were not ample to meet the demands, and the Treasurer's report will indicate a small deficit. Further, there is now due the sum of $120 for the past year, ending nearly a year ago, for interest on the Seminary Fund, with not sufficient funds in the Synodical Fund to pay it. The liability of the Synod for this interest should not be overlooked.

During the past year some confusion has arisen over our obligations to the United Synod. This convention should clearly define the question whether our funds for the United Synod's Board should go direct to its Treasurer, in accordance with their assessments, or whether we shall follow our synodical apportionments and pay the funds into our Synodical Treasury, and thence to the Board of the United Synod.—This question should be settled so there can be uniformity. I am free to say that I advised the brethren, asking my counsel during the past year, to follow our usual order and work through the channel of our own organization. I trust this will meet your approbation.

XIII. PETITIONS.

I have for the consideration of Synod a petition from one of our congregations praying the ordination of their pastor; also a petition

from one of our churches praying the licensure of one of our laymen; and a petition from a young brother asking aid to pursue his studies for the ministry. They should be given our careful and maturest consideration.

XIV. CONCLUSION.

The subjects of Missions, Education, Sunday-school work, &c., will be brought to your attention through the proper committees. They should engage our earnest and prayerful consideration. Let us improve our methods and struggle to attain greater results in the future than in the past. Let us remember the responsibilities resting upon us, living and performing our part in this active, aggressive age, and that the future of Zion depends upon the work done in the present.

Praying the guidance of the Holy Ghost upon this convention—that its deliberations and conclusions may be wise and fruitful—that our churches may develop and prosper, and that our God may use us for His glory, I respectfully submit this report.

St. Peter's Church, Tom's Brook, Va., L. L. SMITH.
September 5, 1893.

The Secretary, Rev. L. L. Smith, read his report, which was received and laid on the table for future action.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Secretary submits the following report for the past synodical year:

1. The Minutes were printed and distributed by Henkel & Co., at a cost of $89.47.

2. The Minutes of the last convention of the United Synod, held at Knoxville, Tenn., were sent to your Secretary in bulk about February last, and, as far as possible, they were distributed to the pastors. The 450 copies were pro rated among the pastors, and those entitled to them can get their quota of the Secretary at this convention.

3. The Synod should, at this convention, appropriate $10.00 for a new record book, uniform with the others already used, for the recording of the official minutes of this body.

4. The thanks of Synod should be given J. M. Schryver, Assistant General Passenger Agent, B. & O. R. R., for the reduced rate to this convention.

5. The bill for postage, expressage, paper, &c., in the discharge of the routine duties of the office, is $2.50.

Respectfully submitted,

St. Peter's Church, Tom's Brook, Va., L. L. SMITH.
September 5, 1893.

The Treasurer, L. S. Walker, Esq., read his report, which was received and laid on the table for future action.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

L. S. WALKER, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF VIRGINIA.

1892.		BENEFICIARY EDUCATIONAL FUND.	
Aug.	27.	By amt. from Auditing Committee, viz.: Harrisonburg, $2.00; Capon, $4.00; Bethany, $5.00; Brandonville, $6.15; Basic City, $4.00; Rockingham, $1.00; Middlebrook, $4.50; total	$ 26 65
Sept.	17.	By amt. from 30 per cent. payment from deposit in the Waynesboro Bank by order of President .	45 87
Oct.	17.	By amt. from Shepherdstown	35 00
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Oct.	24.	By amt. from Woodstock	13 00
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Oct.	31.	By amt. from Mt. Jackson (Bethel church) . . .	9 09
Nov.	4.	By amt. from Mason	7 00
Nov.	15.	By amt. from Lebanon	7 00
Nov.	28.	By amt. from Churchville	6 10
Nov.	28.	By amt. from Gravel Springs	12 00
Nov.	29.	By amt. from Bethany	6 00
Nov.	30.	By amt. from Salem	8 55
Nov.	30.	By amt. from Bethlehem, Basic City	5 57
Dec.	6.	By amt. from Capon	7 00
Dec.	7.	By amt. from Mt. Tabor	7 00
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Jan.	5.	By amt. from Winchester	37 00
Jan.	18.	By amt. from Strasburg	8 55
Feb.	24.	By amt. from Waynesboro	13 00
Mch.	10.	By amt. from New Market (St. Matthew's) . . .	5 00
Mch.	23.	By amt. from Churchville, balance	90
Apr.	6.	By amt. from Mt. Jackson, Mt. Calvary	1 75
Apr.	10.	By amt. from New Market, St. Matthew's . . .	5 00
July	10.	By amt. from New Market, St. Matthew's	3 75
Sept.	5.	By amt. from Bethany	5 50
		By amt. from overpaid and due Treasurer . . .	3 31
			$ 321 00

1892.		Dr.	
Sept.	12.	To amt. paid R. A. Helms, Jr.	$ 25 00
Sept.	19.	To amt. paid Luther Hogshead	25 00
Sept.	19.	To amt. paid J. J. Brubeck	25 00
Oct.	17.	To amt. paid R. A. Helms, Jr.	35 00
Oct.	31.	To amt. paid Luther Hogshead	35 00
Nov.	28.	To amt. paid J. J. Brubeck	22 62
1893.			
Jan.	5.	To amt. paid J. J. Brubeck	43 38
Jan.	5.	To amt. paid R. A. Helms, Jr.	30 00
Jan.	5.	To amt. paid Luther Hogshead	30 00
Mch.	23.	To amt. paid Luther Hogshead	15 00
Mch.	23.	To amt. paid R. A. Helms, Jr.	15 00
Aug.	23.	To amt. paid R. A. Helms, Jr.	20 00
			$ 321 00
1793.		Dr.	
Sept.		To amt. overpaid and due Treasurer	$ 3 31

FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

1892.		Cr.	
Aug.	27.	By amt. from former Treasurer	$ 123 53
		By amt. from Auditing Committee, viz.: Staunton, $13.25; Capon, $10.18; Brandonville, $10; Basic, $5; Waynesboro, $30; New Market, $12; Woodstock (Ladies' Aid Society), $10.00; total	90 43
Dec.	31.	By amt. from Madison	25 00
1893.			
Jan.	5.	By amt. from Woodstock	40 00
Jan.	21.	By amt. from New Market (St. Matthew's)	6 35
Jan.	23.	By amt. from Mt. Jackson (Mt. Calvary)	5 00
Jan.	31.	By amt. from Staunton	30 00
Mch.	6.	By amt. from Salem	10 00
Mch.	10.	By amt. from New Market (St. Matthew's)	5 00
Mch.	10.	By amt. from New Market (St. Matthew's W. H. & F. M. Society)	2 50
Mch.	28.	By amt. from Salem (Miss Ida Crickenberger's Sunday-school class)	6 66
Apr.	6.	By amt. from Mt. Jackson (Mt. Calvary)	5 10
Apr.	14.	By amt. from Strasburg	9 90
Apr.	22.	By amt. from Shepherdstown	50 00
May	2.	By amt. from Mt. Jackson (Bethel)	3 82
May	4.	By amt. from Mason	7 54
May	6.	By amt. from Gravel Springs	52 00
June	5.	By amt. from Waynesboro	20 00

June	15.	By amt. from Shepherdstown Sunday-school	$ 35 00
June	21.	By amt. from New Market (St. Matthew's W. H. & F. M. Society)	7 24
July	8.	By amt. from Brandonville	9 15
July	25.	By amt. from Mt. Jackson (X Roads)	7 33
Aug.	18.	By amt. from Winchester	665 50
Aug.	28.	By amt. from Staunton	3 60
Aug.	30.	By amt. from Waynesboro	10 00
Aug.	30.	By amt. from New Market (St. Matthew's Sunday-school mission)	12 00
Aug.	31.	By amt. from Mt. Tabor	23 63
Aug.	31.	By amt. from Lebanon	10 00
Aug.	31.	By amt. from Salem (Melanchthon Chapel M. S.)	4 59
Aug.	31.	By amt. from Salem	10 75
Sept.	2.	By amt. from Woodstock (Ladies' Aid Society)	21 00
Sept.	5.	By amt. from Bethany	10 00
		Total amount received	$1322 62

1892.		Dr.	
Dec.	22.	To amt. paid R. G. Chisolm, Treas. United Synod	$213 96
1893.			
Feb.	1.	To amt. paid R. G. Chisolm, Treas. United Synod	75 00
June	5.	To amt. paid R. G. Chisolm, Treas. United Synod	10 00
Aug.	18.	To amt. paid R. G. Chisolm, Treas. United Synod	665 50
Aug.	21.	To amt. paid R. G. Chisolm, Treas. United Synod	252 59
Sept.	5.	To balance and due by Treasurer	105 57
			$1322 62

1893.		Cr.	
Sept.	5.	By amt. due fund by Treasurer	$ 105 57

HOME MISSION FUND.

1892.		Cr.	
Aug.	27.	By amt. from former Treasurer	$ 200 00
Aug.	27.	By amt. from Auditing Committee, viz.: Staunton, $13; Harrisonburg, $16; Gravel Springs, $25; Mt. Tabor, $2.50; Capon, $14; Bethany, $20; Aurora, $26; Brandonville, $15; Basic City, $12; Waynesboro, $26.85; Madison, $60; Rockingham, $5.80; Strasburg, $37.16; Middlebrook, $28; total	$ 301 31
Oct.	21.	By amt. from Harrisonburg	3 13
Nov.	21.	By amt. from Woodstock	12 00
Dec.	6.	By amt. from Shepherdstown	20 00
Dec.	7.	By amt. from Rockingham	1 10

1893.			
Jan.	10.	By amt. from Mt. Jackson (Bethel)	$ 7 40
Jan.	14.	By amt. from Mt. Tabor	48 00
Jan.	21.	By amt. from New Market (St. Matthew's) . . .	6 35
Jan.	23.	By amt. from Mt. Jackson (Mt. Calvary, $5; X Roads, $2)	7 00
Jan.	25.	By amt. from Mt. Jackson (Mt. Calvary)	3 00
Feb.	7.	By amt. from Strasburg	7 25
Mch.	6.	By amt. from Salem	15 00
Feb.	24.	By amt. from Waynesboro, Sunday-school $2.69	6 59
Mch.	17.	By amt. from New Market (St. Matthew's W. H. & F. M. Society)	2 50
Mch.	23.	By amt. from Churchville	7 10
Mch.	31.	By amt. from Gravel Springs	37 00
Apr.	6.	By amt. from Mt. Jackson (Mt. Calvary)	10 00
Apr.	8.	By amt. from Staunton	30 00
Apr.	21.	By amt. from Shepherdstown	13 47
May	1.	By amt. from Mt. Jackson (Bethel)	15 00
May	17.	By amt. from Lebanon	12 76
May	30.	By amt. from Mt. Jackson (X Roads)	7 50
June	5.	By amt. from Waynesboro	20 00
June	21.	By amt. from New Market (St. Matthew's W. H. & F. M. Society)	7 23
June	26.	By amt. from Woodstock	20 00
June	28.	By amt. from Mason	2 31
July	8.	By amt. from Brandonville	9 15
July	10.	By amt. from New Market (St. Matthew's) . . .	10 00
Aug.	3.	By amt. from Capon	20 00
Aug.	3.	By amt. from Middlebrook	8 00
Aug.	11.	By amt. from Middlebrook (St. Mark's)	10 00
Aug.	15.	By amt. from Woodstock	9 50
Aug.	16.	By amt. from Churchville	10 62
Aug.	17.	By amt. from Mt. Jackson (Bethel)	5 89
Aug.	18.	By amt. from Winchester	196 00
Aug.	28.	By amt. from Staunton	33 65
Aug.	30.	By amt. from Waynesboro	25 00
Aug.	30.	By amt. from Salem	25 00
Aug.	31.	By amt. from Lebanon	10 00
Aug.	31.	By amt. from Gravel Springs	19 00
Aug.	31.	By amt. from Salem (Melanchthon Chapel M. S.)	4 59
Sept.	2.	By amt. from Woodstock, Ladies' Aid Society . .	10 00
Sept.	5.	By amt. from Woodstock	8 50
		Total amount received	$1237 90

1892.		Dr.	
Aug.	27.	To amt. paid C. N. A. Yonce, Harrisonburg mission, to Sept. 1, 1892—voucher 1	$50 00
Aug.	31.	To amt. paid L. M. Sibole, Smithfield mission—voucher 2	10 00
Nov.	4.	To amt. paid L. M. Sibole, Smithfield mission, bal. quarter Nov. 30, 1892—voucher 3	8 75
Nov.	29.	To amt. paid C. N. A. Yonce, Harrisonburg mission, bal. quarter Nov. 30, 1892—voucher 4 . . .	100 00
1893.			
Feb.	1.	To amt. paid R. G. Chisolm, Treasurer United Synod—voucher 5	300 00
Feb.	1.	To amt. paid L. M. Sibole, Smithfield mission—voucher 6	18 75
Feb.	1.	To amt. paid A. H. Wilson, Treasurer Harrisonburg mission—voucher 7	100 00
June	7.	To amt. paid L. M. Sibole, Smithfield mission—voucher 8	18 75
June	8.	To amt. paid A. H. Wilson, Treasurer Harrisonburg mission—voucher 9	100 00
Aug.	14.	To amt. paid A. H. Wilson, Treasurer Harrisonburg mission, bal. to Sept. 1, 1893—voucher 10 .	100 00
Aug.	16.	To amt. paid L. M. Sibole, Smithfield mission, bal. to Sept. 1. 1893—voucher 11	18 75
Aug.	18.	To amt. paid R. G. Chisolm, Treasurer United Synod, by Winchester—voucher 12	65 00
Aug.	21.	To amt. paid R. G. Chisolm, Treasurer United Synod—voucher 13	212 16
Sept.	5.	To balance and due by Treasurer	135 74
			$1237 90
1895.		Cr.	
Sept.	5.	By amt. due fund by Treasurer	$ 135 74

ORPHANAGE FUND.

1892.		Cr.	
Aug.	27.	By amt. from Auditing Committee—Bethany . .	$ 5 00
Nov.	8.	By amt. from Madison	25 00
Nov.	28.	By amt. from Gravel Springs	52 74
Dec.	27.	By amt. from Woodstock (St. Peter's)	25 41
Dec.	27.	By amt. from Mt. Jackson (Mt. Calvary, $3.11; X Roads, $2.29)	5 40
Dec.	31.	By amt. from Madison	25 00
1893.			
Jan.	4.	By amt. from Woodstock (Emmanuel S. S.) . .	17 01

Jan.	4.	By amt. from Woodstock (from a gentleman, name to be kept unknown)	$ 5 00
Jan.	23.	By amt. from Rockingham	15 50
Jan.	24.	By amt. from Capon	20 00
Mch.	6.	By amt. from Salem	7 00
Apr.	5.	By amt. from Churchville	3 57
Apr.	8.	By amt. from Staunton	40 50
May	10.	By amt. from Brandonville	13 00
May	17.	By amt. from Lebanon	7 00
June	5.	By amt. from Waynesboro	23 40
July	10.	By amt. from New Market (St. Matthew's)	1 75
Aug.	8.	By amt. from Mt. Jackson (Mt. Calvary)	16 26
Aug.	16.	By amt. from Churchville	3 10
Aug.	17.	By amt. from Mt. Jackson (Bethel)	15 00
Aug.	18.	By amt from Winchester	117 53
Aug.	30.	By amt. from Waynesboro	2 95
Aug.	30.	By amt. from Salem	13 75
Aug.	31.	By amt. from Lebanon	10 00
Sept.	5.	By amt. from Bethany	5 00
		Total amount received	$ 475 87

1893. Dr.

Feb.	1.	To amt. paid H. S. Trout, Treasurer	$ 250 00
		To amt. paid H. S. Trout, by Winchester	117 53
Aug.	21.	To amt. paid H. S. Trout	76 64
Sept.	5.	To amt. to bal. and due fund by Treasurer	31 70
			$ 475 87

1893. Cr.

Sept.	5.	By amt. due fund by Treasurer	$31 70

PASTORS' FUND.

1892. Cr.

Aug.	27.	By amt. from former Treasurer	$ 28 00
		By amt. from Auditing Committee, viz.: Harrisonburg, $3; Mason, $5; Gravel Springs, $8; Capon, $4; Bethany, $2; Basic City, $2; Waynesboro, $8; Madison, $10; Rockingham, $8; Middlebrook, $10; total	60 00
Dec.	7.	By amt. from Rockingham	5 00
1893.			
Mch.	23.	By amt. from Churchville	5 00
Apr.	6.	By amt. from Staunton	5 00
June	28.	By amt. from Mason	5 00
July	10.	By amt. from New Market (St. Matthew's)	4 50

Aug.	3.	By amt. from Capon	$ 4 00
Aug.	15.	By amt. from Woodstock	8 00
Aug.	18.	By amt. from Winchester	15 00
Aug.	30.	By amt. from Waynesboro	5 00
Aug.	30.	By amt. from Salem	5 00
Aug.	31.	By amt. from Gravel Springs	8 00
Sept.	5.	By amt. from Bethany	5 00
		Total amount received	$ 162 50

1892.		Dr.	
Oct.	20.	To amt. paid Mrs. T. W. Dosh	$ 75 00
1893.			
Sept.	5.	To balance and due fund by Treasurer	87 50
			$ 162 50

1893.		Cr.	
Sept.	5.	By amt. due fund by Treasurer	$ 87 50

SYNODICAL FUND.

1892.		Cr.	
Aug.	27.	By amt. from former Treasurer	$ 100 81
		By amt. from Auditing Committee, viz.: Mt. Jackson, $64.25; Staunton, $8.66; Harrisonburg, $2; Gravel Springs, $7; Smithfield, $8; Capon, $4; Bethany, $5; Brandonville, $10; Basic City, $2; New Market, $70.46; Rockingham, $1; Middlebrook, $3.50; total	185 87
Dec.	7.	By amt. from Rockingham	3 00
1893.			
Feb.	7.	By amt. from Strasburg	5 00
Mch.	23.	By amt. from Churchville	4 00
April	8.	By amt. from Staunton	10 00
April	10.	By amt. from New Market (St. Matthew's)	5 00
April	21.	By amt. from Shepherdstown	10 00
June	28.	By amt. from Mason	4 00
Aug.	3.	By amt. from Capon	4 00
Aug.	15.	By amt. from Woodstock	7 50
Aug.	18.	By amt. from Winchester	22 00
Aug.	30.	By amt. from Waynesboro	5 00
Aug.	30.	By amt. from Salem	5 00
Aug.	31.	By amt. from Mt. Tabor	6 00
Aug.	31.	By amt. from Lebanon	5 00
Aug.	31.	By amt. from Gravel Springs	7 00
Sept.	5.	By amt. from Bethany	5 00
		Total amount received	$ 394 18

1892.		DR.		
Aug.	27.	To amt. paid D. M. Moser*		$ 11 82
Aug.	27.	To amt. paid J. A. Snyder*		10 00
Aug.	27.	To amt. paid G. W. Spiggle*		10 00
Oct.	12.	To amt. paid L. G. M. Miller*		10 96
Nov.	28.	To amt. paid W. J. Smith*		12 00
Aug.	27.	To amt. paid L. L. Smith, salary and expenses as Secretary		27 00
Dec.	3.	To amt. paid Henkel & Co., printing and distributing Minutes		89 47
1893.				
Jan.	23.	To amt. paid H. S. Trout, interest on Seminary Loan to Jan. 1, 1892		120 00
Feb.	1.	To amt. paid W. N. Grabill, warrant book and cards		1 80
Sept.	5.	To amt. paid for postage, &c., on all matters		4 50
Sept.	5.	To balance and due fund by Treasurer		96 63
				$ 394 18
1893.		CR.		
Sept.	5.	By amt. due fund by Treasurer		$ 96 63

SYNODICAL FOREIGN MISSIONARY FUND.

1892.		CR.		
Aug.	27.	By amt. from former Treasurer		$ 133 08
1893.		SUMMARY.		
Aug.	27.	By amt. from Syn. For. Miss. Fund		$ 133 08
Sept.	5.	By amt. rec'd for Beneficiary Education		317 69
		To amt. paid for Beneficiary Education	$ 321 00	
Sept.	5.	By amt. rec'd for Foreign Missions		1322 62
		To amt. paid for Foreign Missions	1217 05	
Sept.	5.	By amt. rec'd for Home Missions		1237 90
		To amt. paid for Home Missions	1102 16	
Sept.	5.	By amt. rec'd for Orphans' Home		475 87
Sept.	5.	To amt. paid for Orphans' Home	444 17	
Sept.	5.	By amt. rec'd for Pastors' Fund		162 50
Sept.	5.	To amt. paid for Pastors' Fund	75 00	
Sept.	5.	By amt. rec'd for Synodical Fund		394 18
Sept.	5.	To amt. paid for Synodical Fund	297 55	
		To amt. due different funds by Treas.	586 91	
			$4043 84	$4043 84
1893.		CR.		
Sept.	5.	By amt. due all funds by Treasurer		$ 586 91

Respectfully submitted,

L. S. WALKER, TREAS.

* Delegates to the United Synod.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

President—Rev. G. W. Spiggle.
Secretary—Rev. L. L. Smith.
Treasurer—L. S. Walker, Esq.

On motion, Rev. L. A. Fox, D. D., of Southwestern Virginia Synod, Rev. P. C. Wike, of Tennessee Synod, and Rev. L. K. Probst, Secretary of the Board of Missions of the United Synod, were received as advisory members of this body.

Resolved, The sessions of Synod be from 9 A. M. to 11.30 A. M., and from 2 P. M. to 4.30 P. M.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. J. A. Flickinger.

SECOND SESSION.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, TOM'S BROOK, VA.,
SEPTEMBER 6, 1893—2 P. M.

Synod convened. Prayer by Rev. Ed. L. Folk. Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

On motion, Rev. W. S. Bowman, D. D., of the North Carolina Synod, was received as an advisory member.

The following report was received and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The customary and regular certificates of Revs. C. A. Freed, of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, C. H. Rocky, of the Synod of Northern Indiana, S. L. Keller, of the Synod of South Carolina, H. E. Baily, of the Synod of Southwest Virginia, placed into the hands of your committee, have been carefully examined, and the following action recommended:

Resolved, That these brethren be now regularly received into full connection with this body, and that we extend to them a cordial welcome, and ask that God's blessing may attend their labors.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. SNYDER,
W. J. SMITH,
H. F. SHEALY,
L. G. M. MILLER,
COMMITTEE.

The President announced the following standing committees:

No. 1. *President's Report.*—Revs. W. J. Smith, L. G. M. Miller, and Mr. John Grove.

No. 2. *Secretary's Report.*—Revs. C. N. A. Yonce, L. M. Sibole, and Mr. J. L. Wright.

No. 3. *Treasurer's Report.*—Messrs. J. J. Prufer, R. J. Walker, and David Rusmiselle.

No. 4. *Apportionment and Appropriations.*—L. S. Walker, Rev. H. F. Shealy, and Rev. W. B. Oney.

No. 5. *Minutes of Last Synod.*—Revs. J. A. Snyder, L. M. Sibole, and Mr. G. W. Crist.

No. 6. *State of the Church.*—Revs. J. A. Flickinger, C. H. Rocky, and Mr. S. B. Hulvey.

No. 7. *Literary Institutions.*—Revs. E. L. Folk, C. A. Freed, and Mr. Henry Heishman.

No. 8. *Vacant Congregations.*—Revs. Asa Richard, W. B. Oney, and Mr. J. B. Dingledine.

No. 9. *Church Literature.*—Revs. D. P. Crickenberger, S. L. Keller, and Mr. Josiah Wisman.

No. 10. *Letters and Petitions.*—Revs. W. B. Oney, H. E. Bailey, and Mr. Lewis Stemple.

No. 11. *Auditors of Synodical Fund.*—Messrs. R. J. Walker and J. L. Wright.

No. 12. *Minutes of Conferences.*—Revs. P. J. Wade, C. N. A. Yonce, and Mr. John W. Snapp.

No. 13. *Devotional Exercises.*—Officers of Synod and Pastor Loci.

The Report on Roanoke College was read, and interesting remarks were made in addition by Rev. L. A. Fox, D. D., Vice-President of the College, to whom the Synod listened with great pleasure.

Parochial Reports were handed to the Secretary by direction of Synod, and Reports on the State of the Church were read by the pastors.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. L. G. M. Miller.

THIRD SESSION.

St. Peter's Church, Tom's Brook, Va.,
September 7, 1893—9 A. M.

Synod convened. Prayer by Rev. C. H. Rocky. Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

On motion, Revs. W. J. Smith and L. L. Smith were excused from attendance at the afternoon session.

The following report was read, considered by items, and adopted:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE No. 1—PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

The report of the President is a full statement of his work during the year, with an appropriate reference to the rich blessings of God, bestowed upon us, as a Synod, in the year just ended, and asking his guidance and blessing in the duties we have before us. He also makes a reference to the removal of our former President, Rev. D. M. Moser, from the bounds of our Synod, and bears testimony to the high regard in which he was held, not only by our Synod, but by our entire Church in the South.

1. An appropriate statement is made of the death and burial of the Rev. Wm. Rusmiselle, the oldest ordained minister of this Synod. We recommend the appointment of a committee to draft a memoir of our brother, and that a suitable hour be set aside for the reading of said memoir, and hearing remarks by any of the brethren who desire to make them.

2. The President found it necessary to change the time and place of the meeting of Synod. We recommend that Synod approve his action.

3. The President dismissed six pastors from our Synod during the year, and received four from other synods. We regret the loss of those dismissed and give those received a warm, Christian welcome.

4. The President calls the attention of Synod to the work it has assumed in caring for the fatherless, by helping to support the South View Orphanage; and states that it should be a source of gladness to every heart interested in this divine work, to know that if every Synod in the United Synod had been as faithful in this work during the year as the Virginia Synod, the permanency of the South View Orphanage would have been assured. We would recommend that the action of our last Synod be reaffirmed, and that we again pledge our most earnest support to this work, and that each pastor be urged to

lay this Christlike work upon the hearts and consciences of his people, and by special collections, or any plan he may deem advisable, raise the full amount apportioned by Synod. We also recommend that the report of the South View Orphanage be read before Synod.

5. The President calls the attention of Synod to an old record book which contains the history of our Church in the Valley of Virginia, from 1773 to 1817, which was in the possession of the late Dr. George Diehl, of Frederick, Md. The Synod has made several efforts to secure it and place it among its archives, but has failed. We recommend that the Secretary be authorized to make every possible effort to secure it for the Synod.

6. The President calls attention to the unbusiness-like way in which our finances are conducted, and states that our apportionments should always be equal to our appropriations, which has not been the case. We recommend that this matter be referred to the Appropriation Committee for correction.

7. He also calls attention to some confusion that has arisen the past year over our obligations to the United Synod, and calls upon Synod to decide the question, whether our funds for the United Synod's Board should go direct to its Treasurer, in accordance with their assessments, or whether we shall follow our Synodical apportionments, and pay the funds into our Synodical Treasury, and thence to the Board of the United Synod. We recommend that all money raised by our pastors be according to our synodical apportionment, and that it be paid to the Treasurer of our Synod.

8. Two petitions in hands of the President, one from a congregation asking Synod to ordain its pastor, and the other from a congregation asking the licensure of a layman. These petitions have already been referred to the Ministerium.

We recommend that the thanks of Synod be extended to the President for the faithfulness with which he has discharged the duties of his office.

W. J. SMITH,
L. G. M. MILLER,
J. H. GROVE,
COMMITTEE.

Committee on Memoir of Rev. Wm. Rusmiselle:—Revs. L. G. M. Miller, D. D., Asa Richard, and A. A. J. Bushong.

On motion, Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., of the Tennessee Synod, and Rev. V. R. Stickley, of the North Carolina Synod, were received as advisory members.

On motion, Elder Wakeman, of the German Baptist church, was invited to a seat within the bar of Synod.

The Board of Missions made the following report, which was received, considered by items, and adopted:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The Board was organized immediately after the adjournment of Synod by the election of the old officers. During the year several meetings have been held, and the work assigned it by Synod carefully considered.

BUENA VISTA.

The Board secured Rev. A. D. R. Hancher as pastor at Buena Vista. He was faithful and diligent, and greatly aided the congregation by his labors. After remaining only a short time, he resigned, to the regret of this Board and the congregation. Immediately action was taken to secure a pastor, and the services of Mr. Schantz, a theological student, secured, and he is now laboring with them, but his engagement will cease October 1, 1893.

FRONT ROYAL AND BROWNTOWN.

These points, growing out of the fact of the stagnation of business, and the Board thinking it wisest not to attempt an organization now, were simply visited by Rev. H. F. Shealy and the Secretary of this Board.

HARRISONBURG.

This mission has been carrying on its work statedly and faithfully the past year. The missionary has rendered a report to this Board of his work, and he has been active in work and effort.

WOODSTOCK PASTORATE DIVISION.

The Synod having referred this subject to the Board, a meeting was held early in February in Emmanuel church, Woodstock, there being present not only the members of the Board, but the councils of the different churches. After a long, careful consideration, the Board recommended a plan of division, sent it to the churches for their confirmation, but nothing resulted.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL CONVENTION.

According to resolution, the Board called a Sunday-school convention at Woodstock early in August. It was largely attended and a great success. The minutes are herewith submitted to the Synod. The convention decided to hold a second convention next year in Grace church, Winchester.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. We recommend a continued effort at Buena Vista, as the Board may think wisest and best.

2. We recommend that the work at Front Royal and Browntown be carefully overlooked.

3. We recommend that $300.00 this year be appropriated to Harrisonburg.

4. We recommend that the minutes of the Sunday-school convention be printed with the minutes of Synod. That the full Sunday-school statistics gathered be published in lieu of those in the Parochial Table. That the Synod approve of the holding of a second Sunday-school convention and the action taken at Woodstock.

5. We recommend that this Board be constituted with five members, three ministers and two laymen, in order that the expense may be small.

Respectfully submitted,

L. G. M. MILLER,
J. A. SNYDER,
W. J. SMITH,
L. L. SMITH,
ASA RICHARD,
C. W. HEATER,
H. BAETJER.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF EXECUTIVE AND ADVISORY BOARD OF MISSIONS.

EXECUTIVE AND ADVISORY BOARD OF MISSIONS,
IN ACCOUNT WITH HENRY BAETJER, TREASURER.

1892. DR.

Dec.	10.	To cash for 5,000 envelopes and postage	$ 7 62
Dec.	15.	To cash paid Rev. A. D. R. Hancher at Buena Vista, for one quarter's salary to Jan. 1, 1893	75 00
1893.			
April	5.	To cash paid Rev. A. D. R. Hancher at Buena Vista, for one quarter's salary to April 1, '93	75 00
April	27.	To cash paid Rev. A. D. R. Hancher for April . .	25 00
April	27.	Expenses of Rev. J. A. Snyder in attending E. and A. Board meetings	5 40
July	8.	To cash paid to Mr. E. E. Schantz for one month's services at Buena Vista (June 15 to July 15) . .	25 00
Aug.	11.	To cash paid Mr. E. E. Schantz for one month's services at Buena Vista (July 15 to Aug. 15) . .	25 00
Aug.	12.	To Rev. L. L. Smith for expenses to Buena Vista.	4 00
Aug.	29.	To balance remaining in Treasurer's hands	162 87
			$404 89

1892. CR.

By cash in treasury, bal. from '91-'92, per report . . . . . $ 36 50

Nov.	28.	By cash from Mt. Calvary S. S., Mt. Jackson pastorate	$ 3 41
Dec.	5.	By cash from Emmanuel S. S., Woodstock	15 00
Dec.	5.	By cash from Stephen's City Sunday-school	11 07
Dec.	6.	By cash from Christ church S. S., Staunton	22 00
Dec.	7.	By cash from Shepherdstown, W. Va., S. S.	40 00
Dec.	7.	By cash from Unionville S. S.	16 53
Dec.	14.	By cash from Grace ch. S. S., Winchester	40 00
Dec.	27.	By cash from Rev. J. A. Snyder, New Market	8 25
1893.			
April	17.	By cash from Bridgewater S. S	1 00
April	17.	By cash from W. H. and F. M. Society of Shepherdstown, W. Va	10 00
July	8.	By cash from Gravel Springs S. S., Gravel Springs Pastorate	26 00
July	8.	By cash from St. John's S. S., Gr. Sp. Past.	16 00
July	8.	By cash from Cedar Creek S. S., Gr. Sp. Past.	5 00
July	8.	By cash from Bethel S. S., Gr. Sp. Past	6 00
July	8.	By cash from Fremont S. S., Gr. Sp. Past	3 00
July	25.	By cash from New Haven, W. Va., S. S., Gravel Springs Pastorate	4 15
July	31.	By cash from St. Martin's S. S., New Market Pastorate	11 52
Aug.	4.	By cash from St. John's S. S., Rock. Past	2 18
Aug.	5.	By cash from Lebanon S. S., Lebanon Past.	13 81
Aug.	9.	By cash from St. Peter's S. S., Capon Past.	8 00
Aug.	9.	By cash from Hebron S. S., Capon Past	2 00
Aug.	9.	By cash from North River S. S., Capon Past.	1 00
Aug.	9.	By cash from St. James S. S., Capon Past	1 00
Aug.	9.	By cash from S. S. of Madison Pastorate	8 09
Aug.	11.	By cash from Melanchthon Chapel S. S., Mt. Sidney, Va.	9 80
Aug.	11.	By cash from St. James S. S., Mt. Sidney	6 06
Aug.	24.	By cash from Bethel S. S., Mt. Jackson Past.	2 89
Aug.	29.	By cash from Mt. Tabor S. S	12 00
Sept.	5.	By cash from Aurora Pastorate S. S	13 55
Sept.	5.	By cash from St. Paul's church S. S.	21 81
Sept.	5.	By cash from Buena Vista S. S	2 25
Sept.	5.	By cash from St. Paul's S. S., Strasburg	8 20
Sept.	5.	By cash from Richmond S. S	10 00
Sept.	5.	By cash from Salem S. S	6 82
			$404 89

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY BAETJER, TREASURER.

Committee to Nominate a New Board:—Revs. J. A. Flickinger, E. L. Folk, and Mr. Henry Heishman.

The following report was made, considered by items, and adopted:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 5—ON MINUTES OF LAST SYNOD.

On page 19. Did Rev. L. L. Smith overlook the interests of our work at Front Royal, as requested by Synod? Answer, yes.

On page 24. Did the pastors observe Christmas, or the Sunday nearest thereto, as Orphans' Day, and present to their congregations the interests of the Orphans' Home? Answer, in part.

On page 26. Did the pastors observe the first Sunday of May as "College Day," and present to their congregations the subject of education? Did not.

On page 27. Did Revs. Shreckhise and G. W. Spiggle supply the Churchville pastorate and aid in procuring a pastor for the same? They did. Respectfully submitted,

J. A. SNYDER,
L. M. SIBOLE,
G. W. CRIST,
COMMITTEE.

Resolved, That the Committee on new Constitution be instructed to report at the next convention without fail, and that provisional copies be sent to the members of Synod as early as possible in the synodical year.

The Board of Church Extension read the following report, which was received and adopted:

REPORT OF BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

To the President and Members of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Virginia:

The Board of Church Extension has done very little since the last meeting of Synod. There has been but one meeting during the year. This was to consider the work at Buena Vista. After careful deliberation it was decided that we try to raise at least a few hundred dollars more for the work there, the people having been unable to meet their financial obligations to the work. In response to the appeal that was made to various congregations and individuals we received $153.50.

There has been no place within our territory that seemed to justify the Board in an effort to build a church. The prospects at Front Royal seem to have brightened some since the last meeting of Synod, but we think it would hardly be well to undertake the erection of a building yet.

There seems to be a possibility of building up a little congregation at Waynesboro, Va., and we hope that till the next meeting of Synod, we may have a nice little church there. We have taken some steps toward securing a lot.

We herewith incorporate the report of the Treasurer of this Board.

C. C. BERRY, TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

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1892.			
Aug.	22.	Balance on hand	$18 10
Sept.	7.	Rec'd from Woodstock	30 00
Sept.	26.	Rec'd from Staunton	28 50
Sept.	26.	Rec'd from J. E. Cale, Middlebrook	25 00
Oct.	6.	Rec'd from Winchester	25 00
Nov.	7.	Rec'd from Staunton	35 00
Dec.	8.	Rec'd from Shepherdstown	10 00
			$171 60

DR.

1892.			
Sept.	27.	To cash paid Mrs. P. S. Wise, Treasurer Trinity church, Buena Vista	$100 00
Nov.	26.	To cash paid Mrs. P. S. Wise, Treasurer Trinity church, Buena Vista	60 00
1893.			
Jan.	5.	To cash paid for insurance on building	10 00
			$170 00
		Balance on hand	$ 1 60

H. F. SHEALY, CH'N,
J. E. SHENK, SEC'Y,
C. C. BERRY, TREAS.,
DR. R. F. DAVIS,
MAJ. ABSALOM KOINER,
T. J. COOPER,
J. H. ZITTLE.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. D. P. Crickenberger.

FOURTH SESSION.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, TOM'S BROOK, VA.,
SEPTEMBER 7, 1893—2 P. M.

Synod convened. Prayer by Rev. H. E. Bailey. Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

Reports on State of the Church were read.

On motion, Rev. H. St. John Rinker, of the Reformed church, was invited to a seat within the bar of Synod.

The following report was read, considered by items, and adopted:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 2—SECRETARY'S REPORT.

We, your committee, have examined the Secretary's Report, and find that he has been punctual and correct in the discharge of his duties.

In accordance with suggestions contained in this report, we recommend that the following actions be taken:

1. That the Secretary be instructed to extend the thanks of this Synod to J. M. Schryver, Asst. Gen. Pass. Agt., B. & O. R. R., for favors shown us.

2. That an order be granted the Secretary for $10.00, for the purchase of a new record book.

3. That an order be allowed for the expenses of the Secretary, $2.50.

Respectfully submitted,

C. N. A. YONCE,
L. M. SIBOLE,
J. L. WRIGHT.

The following report was read and adopted:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE No. 10—LETTERS AND PETITIONS.

We, your committee, to whom was referred letters and petitions, would respectfully submit the following:

There has been but one paper placed in our hands, claiming attention, a letter from Rev. J. M. Schreckhise, stating that because of personal illness, it would be imprudent for him to leave home at this time, and asks to be excused for non-attendance upon the sessions of Synod at this convention. We regret the absence of Brother Schreckhise, and are sorry that we lose his wise counsel. We recommend that he be excused, and that we pray God may soon restore him to his usual vigor.

W. B. ONEY,
H. E. BAILEY,
LEWIS STEMPLE,
COMMITTEE.

ALL YEAR SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

On motion, it was resolved that the pastors be requested

to urge upon their people the importance of keeping the Sunday-schools open during the year.

EXCUSED.

Lay-delegate Hulvey was excused from further attendance. Adjourned. Benediction by the President.

FIFTH SESSION.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, TOM'S BROOK, VA.,
SEPTEMBER 8, 1893—9 A. M.

Synod convened. Prayer by Rev. J. E. Shenk. Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

The President appointed Rev. J. M. Shreckhise a member of the Examining Committee.

The following report was read and adopted:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE No. 12—ON MINUTES OF CONFERENCES.

We, your committee, have carefully examined the Minutes of both conferences within our bounds, and report the following:

I. THE POTOMAC CONFERENCE.

This conference has met twice within the past year: October 11, 1892, in St. John's church, Gravel Springs charge; and May 23, 1893, in Mt. Zion church, Woodstock pastorate.

The officers of this conference are: Rev. A. A. J. Bushong, President; Rev. E. L. Folk, Secretary; and Rev. J. A. Snyder, Treasurer.

This conference is to be congratulated on the fact, that at both sessions all the clerical members were present. The next conference will be at Forestville, the time to be selected by the officers of conference.

II. THE SOUTHERN CONFERENCE.

This conference has also held its regular semi-annual meetings. The first session was held Nov. 3, 1892, in Pleasant View church, Churchville charge; the second, May 24th, 1893, in St. James' church, Zion pastorate. The attendance of ministers and lay-delegates was large at both sessions. The next session of this conference will be held at Churchville, the time being left to the officers of conference.

NOTES.

1. The subjects discussed at the sessions of these conferences were both interesting and practical, and were participated in by quite a number, both of laymen and ministers.

2. The secretaries of both conferences kept the minutes in a very neat manner.

Respectfully submitted,

P. J. WADE,
C. N. A. YONCE,
JOHN W. SNAPP.

The following report was read and adopted:

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE No. 3—TREASURER'S REPORT.

Your committee, to whom was referred the Report of the Treasurer, submit the following:

We have carefully examined the said report of L. S. Walker, Treasurer, and find the same with vouchers and notes correct and well kept. We find a balance of $586.91 in the treasury.

We recommend the following:

Resolved, That all the ministers present urge upon their respective church treasurers the importance of itemizing and stating fully the amounts to be credited to each fund, when making remittances.

We would also state that the Treasurer desires instructions upon the following:

1st. "What shall be done with the fund known as the Synodical Foreign Missionary Fund, amounting now to $133.08?" We recommend that Synod give Treasurer definite instructions how to dispose of said amount.

2d. "That an order be passed, closing the Treasurer's books at least 10 days before the meeting of Synod." We recommend that the Treasurer's books be closed on the Wednesday evening previous to the convening of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

JULIUS J. PRUFER,
ROBERT J. WALKER,
DAVID RUSMISELL.

SYNODICAL FOREIGN MISSIONARY.

The following resolution was offered by Rev. Dr. Miller:

Resolved, That this Synod assume the support of Rev. J. A. B. Scherer as our Synodical Missionary.

On motion, the said resolution was made the special order for Saturday at 2 p. m.

The following report was read and adopted:

STANDING COMMITTEE No. 7—REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The record of another year's work is on High. Your committee have examined the Reports on the State of the Church, and whilst there are many things that are not by any means what is desired, yet the reports indicate encouraging growth and advancement on many lines in church work.

Many of the pastors report increased activity in Christian work; and yet after all, but a very small portion of the membership of our churches realize that the Lord has called them to work; and consequently are doing nothing for the Master in this respect. "If any man will not work neither shall he eat," says the apostle. God feeds and nourishes those who do his work. It is not strange, therefore, that there is so much indifference, and such a sad want of real vigor on the part of so many in doing God's work.

The reports, with a small exception, show that the attendance upon the preaching of the Word to be very good. This is certainly a very encouraging feature, we can give the people the Word of life. What an inspiration to faithfulness in preaching the Word.

In some of our congregations, there has been a very gratifying growth in the grace of giving. In others there is a great need of this grace. And whilst the advancement on this line is a matter of gratitude and encouragement, yet few if any realize the truth of "the words of the Lord Jesus," when He "said it is more blessed to give than to receive." For as yet, but a very small fraction of the church's energy and means flow into the legitimate channels of the church's work.

There has been a decided increase in interest and activity in Sunday-school work in the greater number of our congregations; yet, nevertheless, many know nothing of the opportunities and blessings of this kind of work. And the most advanced are only beginning to wake up to see the importance of this work, and how full of blessed fruit for God and the church it may be.

Catechisation has been attended to by most of the pastors; but there is a manifest want of anything like a proper interest in this most important work of instructing the young in the great, fundamental doctrines of our Holy Religion. This part of our work needs to be emphasized, and a greater interest taken by both pastors and congregations in this time-honored means of teaching the great Doctrines of Christianity, and which God has so wonderfully blest in the past history of our church.

The financial condition of our churches is very encouraging, but very few have incurred debts they have not paid; and all our church property, with a small exception, seems to be in good condition. The

interest manifested in education by some of our people is very encouraging, but not what it should be. In reference to the matter of church literature, whilst there has been an increase of interest over the past year, yet comparatively few avail themselves of this means of edifying and informing themselves in reference to the work of the church. But few can do without a secular paper. May the day speedily come when there will be few who can do without a church paper. Therefore, when we review the work done in the past year, we should be profoundly grateful for God's continued and increased favor, humble and penitent because of our failures; trustful and faithful because of God's unfailing promises. And may the Great Head of the Church make us all pastors and peoples, "Steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, inasmuch as we know that our labor is not in vain in the Lord."

J. A. FLICKINGER,
C. H. ROCKEY,
S. B. HULVEY,
COMMITTEE.

LAY-DELEGATES ENROLLED.

Mr. T. J. Fitzsimons, of Strasburg, and Mr. J. H. Zittle, of Shepherdstown, were enrolled as lay-delegates.

SYNODICAL FOREIGN MISSIONARY FUND.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this Synod invest said Fund in paid-up Shenandoah County Building Association stock at 6 per cent. until said missionary be sent out by this Synod.

OFFERINGS FOR BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.

Resolved, That the ministers of this Synod be requested to raise and forward their apportionments of the Beneficiary Fund as soon as practicable.

BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The following report was read and adopted:

Your committee No. — to nominate an Executive and Advisory Board of Missions, would respectfully report the following nominations: Rev. H. F. Shealy, Rev. W. B. Oney, Rev. G. W. Spiggle, Mr. C. C. Berry, Hon. G. W. Koiner.

J. A. FLICKINGER,
ED. L. FOLK,
HENRY HEISHMAN,
COMMITTEE.

AUDITING COMMITTEE ABOLISHED.

On motion, it was resolved that the Auditing Committee be abolished at future conventions.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. H. F. Shealy.

SIXTH SESSION.

St. Peter's Church, Tom's Brook, Va.,
September 8, 1893—2 P. M.

Synod convened. Prayer by Rev. C. A. Freed. Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING.

Tuesday before the fourth Sunday in August, and St. Paul's church, Strasburg, (Rev. L. L. Smith, pastor), as the place.

The following report was read and adopted:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE No. 11—AUDITOR'S REPORT.

Your committee beg leave to report the following:

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Middlebrook	$ 5 50
Mt. Tabor	6 37
Harrisonburg	10 00
Mason	1 93
Waynesboro	10 00
Rockingham	8 11
Cross Roads	1 50
Bethel	5 86
Aurora	10 00
Capon	13 00
Madison	25 00
Lebanon	10 00
Basic City	6 63
St. Martin's Sunday-school	6 96
St. Martin's (congregation)	5 10
St. Mark's	5 00
	$130 96
Churchville added	8 77
	$139 73

HOME MISSIONS.

Basic City	$ 16 00
Frieden's Sunday-school	2 84
Richmond	11 50
Harrisonburg	12 87
Mason	9 17
Waynesboro	8 41
Strasburg	24 80
Rockingham	12 00
Cross Roads	2 90
Bethel	3 00
Mt. Calvary	9 00
Aurora	3 79
Shepherdstown	43 53
Smithfield	3 50
Madison	34 50
Lebanon	9 24
St. Mark's (congregation)	5 00
	$211 65

PASTORS' FUND.

Basic City	$ 4 00
Harrisonburg	3 00
Waynesboro	3 00
Aurora	10 00
Shepherdstown	5 00
Lebanon	2 76
	$ 27 76

BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.

Basic City	$ 16 00
Middlebrook	5 00
Aurora	10 00
	$ 31 00

ORPHANS' HOME.

Basic City	$ 20 00
Harrisonburg	11 00
Waynesboro	11 15
Cross Roads	5 02
Aurora	17 00
Shepherdstown	10 00
Smithfield	5 00
Lebanon	3 00
Fairview	5 00
St. Mark's (congregation)	5 00
	$ 92 17

SYNODICAL FUND.

Basic City	$ 4 00
Middlebrook	2 50
Waynesboro	2 80
Bethel	5 00
Mt. Calvary	2 50
Cross Roads	1 62
Aurora	8 00
Shepherdstown	5 00
Smithfield	1 50
St. Mark's congregation	5 00
Harrisonburg	2 00
	$ 39 92
Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Society, St. Peter's church, Shepherdstown	$ 10 00
Woman's Mission Society, Madison	12 50
	$ 22 50

CHURCH EXTENSION.

Aurora	$ 10 00

SUMMARY.

Foreign Mission	$139 73
Home Mission	211 65
Pastors' Fund	27 76
Beneficiary Education	31 00
Orphan Home	92 17
Synodical Fund	39 92
Woman's Mission	22 50
Church Extension	10 00
	$574 73
Deduct amt. for Church Extension paid Bro. Shealy	10 00
	$563 73

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT J. WALKER,
J. L. WRIGHT.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, TOM'S BROOK, VA.,
September 8, 1893.

On motion, Mr. R. J. Walker, lay-delegate, was excused from further attendance.

INTEREST ON THE SEMINARY FUND.

Resolved, That the two year's interest on the Seminary Fund be reported in the appropriations of the Synod.

MINUTES.

Resolved, That the Secretary have 2000 copies of the Minutes of this convention of Synod printed and distributed.

ABSENTEES.

On motion, Rev. J. C. Seegers was excused for non-attendance at this convention.

On motion, Rev. L. G. M. Miller, D. D., Rev. Asa Richard, and Rev. J. E. Shenk were excused for tardiness.

SPEAKERS FOR NEXT YEAR.

Ordination—Rev. J. A. Snyder.
Education—Rev. C. H. Rocky.
Missions—Rev. W. J. Smith.

On motion, Rev. J. E. Shenk was excused from further attendance.

Adjourned to meet as a Ministerium. Benediction by the President.

SEVENTH SESSION.

St. Peter's Church, Tom's Brook, Va.,
September 9, 1893—9 A. M.

Synod convened. Prayer by Rev. J. A. Flickinger. Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

The following report was read and adopted:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 7—LITERARY INSTITUTIONS.

We, your Committee on Literary Institutions beg leave to say that the only paper placed in our hands is a full and satisfactory report of the condition of Roanoke College.

This report presents some very encouraging facts concerning the outlook of the College for the future.

We earnestly commend Roanoke College to the continued zeal and interest of all the pastors and people of our Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

ED. L. FOLK,
C. A. FREED,
H. HEISHMAN,
Committee.

THANKS.

Resolved, That the President of the Synod be authorized, at the close of convention, to return the hearty thanks of this body to the pastors and members of St. Peter's congregation and friends of the community, for the very generous hospitality extended while sojourning in their midst.

APPORTIONMENTS.

Resolved, That pastors desiring an apportionment among their individual congregations report the same to the Apportionment Committee at the next meeting of Synod.

The following report was read, considered by items, and adopted:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 4—APPROPRIATIONS AND APPORTIONMENTS.

Your Committee on Appropriations would recommend the following:

FROM BENEFICIARY FUND.

For W. J. Shenk	$ 100 00
For J. J. Brubeck	50 00
For Luther Hogshead	125 00
For R. A. Helms, Jr.	125 00
	$ 400 00

FROM SYNODICAL FUND.

For printing and distributing Minutes	$ 100 00
For salary of Secretary and expenses of office	27 50
For new Record Book	10 00
For two years' interest on Seminary Fund	240 00
	$ 377 50

FROM HOME MISSION FUND.

For Harrisonburg charge	$ 300 00
For Smithfield charge	75 00
For United Synod for Home Missions	1050 00
	$1425 00

FROM ORPHANAGE FUND.

For South View Orphans' Home	$ 700 00

FROM FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

For United Synod for Foreign Missions	$ 750 00
For United Synod, Salary Rev. R. B. Peery	750 00
	$1500 00

That the apportionment for Pastors' Fund, be dispensed with for ensuing year.

That we decline to recommend an appropriation for Churchville of $50.00, on account of the stringency of financial matters.

And that for the payment of the appropriations heretofore made, we would recommend the following apportionment on the various pastorates, viz.:

APPORTIONMENTS.

PASTORATES.	Beneficiary Education.	Synodical Fund.	Home Missions.	Orphanage Fund.	Foreign Missions.	Pastors' Fund.	Total Apportionment.
Aurora	$ 16 00	$ 16 00	$ 65 00	$ 40 00	$ 40 00	.	$ 177 00
Bethany	10 00	10 00	40 00	25 00	25 00	.	110 00
Brandonville	16 00	10 00	40 00	25 00	25 00	.	116 00
Basic City	16 00	8 00	25 00	20 00	20 00	.	89 00
Buena Vista	. . .	4 00	12 00	10 00	10 00	.	36 00
Bethlehem	. . .	4 00	8 00	5 00	5 00	.	22 00
Capon	8 00	8 00	32 00	20 00	20 00	.	88 00
Churchville	8 00	8 00	32 00	20 00	20 00	.	88 00
Gravel Springs	15 00	14 00	62 00	50 00	50 00	.	191 00
Harrisonburg	5 00	4 00	17 00	10 00	10 00	.	46 00
Lebanon	8 00	10 00	40 00	10 00	20 00	.	88 00
Madison	20 00	20 00	90 00	50 00	50 00	.	230 00
Mt. Jackson: X Roads	4 00	4 00	20 00	10 00	5 00	.	43 00
Mt. Jackson: Mt. Calvary	6 00	6 00	30 00	10 00	25 00	.	77 00
Mt. Jackson: Bethel	8 00	8 00	30 00	15 00	15 00	.	76 00
Mason	8 00	8 00	35 00	20 00	20 00	.	91 00
New Market: St. Matthew's	14 00	10 00	45 00	15 00	20 00	.	104 00
New Market: St. Mark's	8 00	4 00	14 00	10 00	10 00	.	46 00
New Market: St. Martin's	8 00	4 00	14 00	10 00	10 00	.	46 00
Richmond	5 00	5 00	20 00	10 00	15 00	.	55 00
Rockingham	7 00	6 00	24 00	15 00	15 00	.	67 00
Shepherdstown	35 00	40 00	140 00	60 00	60 00	.	335 00
Staunton	20 00	20 00	70 00	40 00	40 00	.	190 00
Strasburg	10 00	15 00	50 00	25 00	30 00	.	135 00
Smithfield	4 00	3 00	12 00	7 00	10 00	.	36 00
Salem	10 00	10 00	45 00	15 00	30 00	.	110 00
Waynesboro	15 00	15 00	70 00	26 00	40 00	.	100 00
Winchester	50 00	50 00	225 00	110 00	750 00	.	1185 00
Woodstock: Emmanuel	6 00	6 00	30 00	15 00	20 00	.	77 00
Woodstock: St. Peter's	6 00	5 00	25 00	15 00	15 00	.	66 00
Woodstock: Mt. Zion	4 00	2 00	15 00	5 00	15 00	.	41 00
Woodstock: St. Luke's	4 00	2 00	10 00	5 00	15 00	.	26 00
Middlebrook: Holy Trinity	5 00	4 00	20 00	10 00	10 00	.	49 00
Middlebrook: St. Mark's	4 00	3 00	15 00	7 00	10 00	.	39 00
Mt. Tabor	15 00	15 00	60 00	30 00	40 00	.	160 00
Totals	$378 00	$381 00	$1482 00	$770 00	$1505 00		$4516 00

Respectfully submitted,

L. S. WALKER,
H. F. SHEALY,
W. B. ONEY,
COMMITTEE.

The following report was read and adopted:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 9—CHURCH LITERATURE.

While it is gratifying to note the increased interest taken in the literature of the church, it is yet to be lamented that the church literature is not so widely disseminated as it deserves. It is pre-eminently true of the church that knowledge is power, in order to a real intelligent activity, there must be a membership reformed as to the doctrines, history, and general work of the church; therfore, be it

(1) *Resolved*, That the pastors of this Synod recommend The Way of Salvation and New Testament Conversions by Rev. Gerberding as worthy a place in every home in our Synod.

(2) That they endeavor to introduce into each home of the Synod some of the papers of our church.

Respectfully submitted,

D. P. CRICKENBERGER,
S. L. KELLER,
JOSIAH WISMAN,
COMMITTEE.

On motion, Rev. H. F. Shealy, Rev. J. A. Flickinger, Rev. D. P. Crickenberger, and lay-delegates, Prufer, Kagey, and Grove were excused from further attendance.

Adjourned. Benediction by President.

EIGHTH SESSION.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, TOM'S BROOK, VA.,
SEPTEMBER 9, 1893—2 P. M.

Synod convened. Prayer by Rev. H. F. Shealy. Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

FOREIGN MISSIONARY.

On motion, it was resolved that this Synod hereby agrees to assume the support of Rev. J. A. B. Scherer, Missionary in Japan, and that such communication be made to the Board of Missions of the United Synod by Mission Board of this Synod.

The following report of the committee on the Memoir of Rev. Wm. Rusmiselle was read and adopted:

IN MEMORY OF

REV. WM. RUSMISELLE.

The committee, appointed to prepare and offer for your consideration, a notice of the death of Rev. Wm. Rusmiselle, beg to submit the following:

This brother of our high esteem and affectionate remembrance, died at his home at Lebanon church, Shenandoah Co., Va., Dec. 30, 1892; aged 77 years, 8 months, and 27 days, and was buried in the cemetery near his home. He passed away peacefully into the believer's rest, after a long, useful life, consisting of devotion to duty in years of ardent toil in the ministerial office, and awaits a blissful immortality.

As a soldier and herald of the cross of Christ, he was faithful and valiant, and never failed to do his whole duty, till the warfare was over here and the summons came, calling him to his reward in the Master's kingdom above, to promotion in the church triumphant.

Wherever the church called him to labor, he made for his Master disciples, by his own earnest zeal and deeper love for the cause of Christ. In Lebanon, where he spent more than a quarter of a century of the ripest years of his life, his people and their children will remember and find inspiration in the memory of his godly life and kindly presence, when he was with them in all the vicissitudes of pastor and people, and lifted them up to do greater and better things for Jesus and the attainment of a higher Christian life.

At the sacred desk he was always ready to lift up prevailing and holy hands for his people, as he fed them upon the pure Word of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. He was a clear, logical preacher, a genial companion, and faithful friend. He is not dead, but lives to proclaim the wonders of God in the world without end.

He was born in Augusta Co., Va.; licensed to preach in 1852; and went immediately into the locality where he spent the most of his life. In 1876 he lost his eyesight, but continued to preach the Gospel until about 1887, when, on account of nervous debility, he retired from active ministerial work.

By this dispensation of Providence, his name is taken from our roll, and we bow before the chastening of God in whose hands are the issues of life and death.

As an evidence of the affection which this Synod cherishes for the memory of our departed brother, we would recommend that this memorial be recorded by this body and placed upon the Minutes. That we sympathize with the afflicted children and friends, and pray God's blessing upon them.

That a copy of the Minutes be sent by the Secretary to the family.

Respectfully submitted,

A. A. J. BUSHONG,
L. G. M. MILLER,
ASA RICHARD.

The following report was read and adopted:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 8—VACANT CONGREGATIONS.

Your committee respectfully report the following congregations vacant: Brandonville pastorate and Fairview congregation.

1. We recommend that the President of Synod co-operate with the Brandonville pastorate in securing a pastor as soon as practicable.

2. That the Fairview congregation negotiate with Licentiate W. D. Files to serve them. Respectfully submitted,

ASA RICHARD,
W. B. ONEY,
J. B. DINGLEDINE,
COMMITTEE.

BROWNTOWN.

On motion, it was resolved that Rev. L. L. Smith be requested to supply Browntown with services.

Synod adjourned and was closed according to form of Book of Worship.

L. L. SMITH,
Secretary of Evang. Lutheran Synod of Virginia.

MINUTES
OF THE
MINISTERIUM
OF THE
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF VIRGINIA.

FIRST SESSION.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, TOM'S BROOK, VA.,
SEPTEMBER 6, 1893—4.30 P. M.

Ministerium convened by appointment. Prayer by Rev. J. A. Snyder.

Petitions for the ordination and licensure of certain brethren were considered, and were referred to the Examining Committee.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. P. J. Wade.

SECOND SESSION.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, TOM'S BROOK, VA.,
SEPTEMBER 7, 1893—4 P. M.

Ministerium convened. Prayer by Rev. L. M. Sibole. Roll called. The minutes of the former meeting of the Ministerium read and approved.

On motion, W. G. Shenk, of Luray, was invited before the Ministerium and questioned concerning his desires and purposes in regard to studying for the ministry, he being an applicant for aid from the Synod.

On motion, brother David W. Files, Capon Bridge, W. Va., applicant for licensure, was invited before the Ministerium for examination by the committee.

The Ministerium voted to recommend brother W. G. Shenk for $100.00, and J. J. Brubeck for $50.00, to the Appropriation Committee of Synod.

Adjourned with benediction.

THIRD SESSION.

St. Peter's Church, Tom's Brook, Va.,
September 8, 1893—11.30 A. M.

Ministerium convened. Prayer by Rev. Asa Richard. Minutes read and approved.

On motion, candidates Luther Hogshead and R. A. Helms be recommended to Synod for an appropriation of $125.00 for the year.

FOURTH SESSION.

St. Peter's Church, Tom's Brook, Va.,
September 8, 1893—4 P. M.

Ministerium met. Prayer by Rev. L. G. M. Miller, D. D. A conference was held on important business.

Adjourned. Benediction by President.

FIFTH SESSION.

St. Peter's Church, Tom's Brook, Va.,
September 9, 1893—11 A. M.

Ministerium met. Prayer by Rev. C. H. Rockey.

The following report was read and adopted:

REPORT OF EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Your committee examined licentiate P. L. Miller and candidate W. D. Files. We recommend

1. That the license of Rev. P. L. Miller be renewed for one year.

2. That candidate W. D. Files be licensed for one year; and that Revs. W. J. Smith and Asa Richard be a committee of this Ministeri-

um to license Bro. Files at Fairview church at such time as may be convenient for them.

3. That these brethren be required to pursue a course of study during the year under the Examining Committee, and to be prescribed by this committee.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. SNYDER,
W. J. SMITH,
L. G. M. MILLER,
H. F. SHEALY,
COMMITTEE.

Adjourned. Benediction by President.

L. L. SMITH,
Sec'y of the Ministerium of the Evang. Luth. Synod of Va.

DIVINE SERVICES.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, TOM'S BROOK, VA.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1893.

8 P. M.—Sermon. Rev. W. B. Oney, Mt. Sidney, Va.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1893.

11.30 A. M.—Synodical communion. Sermon by Rev. L. A. Fox, D. D., Salem, Va.

7.30 P. M.—Sermon. Rev. C. H. Rocky, Shepherdstown, W. Va.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1893.

11.30 A. M.—Missionary address. Rev. L. K. Probst, Secretary of Board of Missions.

7.30 P. M.—Address on Education. Rev. J. A. Flickinger, Madison Courthouse, Va.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1893.

8.30 P. M.—Sermon on Missions. Rev. D. P. Crickenberger, Waynesboro, Va.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1893.

11.30 A. M.—Sermon. Rev. H. E. Baily, Churchville, Va.

7.30 P. M.—Sermon. Rev. G. W. Spiggle, Middlebrook, Va.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1893.

11.00 A. M.—Sermon. Rev. J. A. Snyder, New Market, Va.

7.30 P. M.—Sermon. Rev. L. G. M. Miller, Winchester, Va.

3.00 P. M.—Sunday-school Services. Addresses by Revs. P. L. Miller, W. B. Oney, S. L. Keller, C. H. Rocky.

M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH, TOM'S BROOK, VA.

11.00 A. M.—Sermon. Rev. Ed. L. Folk, Mt. Jackson, Va.

UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH, TOM'S BROOK, VA.

7.00 P. M.—Sermon. Rev. W. B. Oney, Mt. Sidney, Va.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, STRASBURG, VA.

11.00 A. M. and 7.00 P. M.—Sermon. Rev. W. S. Bowman, D. D., Charlotte, N. C.

EMMANUEL CHURCH, WOODSTOCK, VA.

11.00 A. M.—Sermon. Rev. C. N. A. Yonce, Harrisonburg, Va.

7.00 P. M.—Sermon. Rev. C. H. Rocky, Shepherdstown, W. Va.

HARRISVILLE, VA.

11.00 A. M.—Sermon. Rev. P. J. Wade, Wardensville, W. Va.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That the Treasurer is directed to correspond with any beneficiaries who have received aid from Synod in the prosecution of their studies, and who have abandoned their intention of entering the Ministry, and urge upon them in view of the pressing needs of Synod, the importance of refunding the amount of principal and interest due upon their bonds.

Resolved, That no application for clerical membership in this Synod, made by a minister who has been dismissed from another denomination, shall be entertained by the Ministerium, or Synod, unless his application be approved by at least three-fourths of the Ministerium present at any regular or special convention thereof, and unless the candidate shall have received, and present for inspection a regular call from a pastorate or congregation under the jurisdiction of this body.

Resolved, That no minister shall be allowed to take charge of a pastorate or vacant church until the members thereof shall have satisfactorily settled their pecuniary obligations with their previous pastor.

Resolved, That every pastor be required to give a written report on the state of the church at our annual meetings.

Resolved, That, in the reception of lay-delegates at the organization of Synod, a written certificate be required, signed by the pastor and secretary of the council.

FORM FOR REPORTS ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

I. Activity in Christian Work.
II. Attendance on Service.
III. Benevolence.
IV. Sunday-schools.
V. Catechisation.
VI. Finances.
VII. Church Property.
VIII. Education.
IX. Church Literature.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF VIRGINIA.

PASTOR'S NAME.	PASTORATES.	PAROCHIAL.														BENEVOLENCE.							
					LOSSES			ACCESSIONS.					Communicant Membership.	FINANCES.			Synodical Treasury.	Home Hissions.	Foreign Missions.	Beneficiary Education.	Woman's Miss. Soc.	Pastors' Fund.	Orphans' Home.	External Objects.
		Churches.	Stations.	Prayer Meetings.	Deaths.	Certificate.	Excommunication.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Certificate.	Restoration.		Estimated Value of Church Property.	Indebtedness.	Local Expenses for All Objects.								
S. L. Keller	Aurora	5	1	1	.	.	.	13	.	8	1	.	510	$8 000	. . .	$560 00	$13 00	$27 40	$20 00	$21 50	. . .	$15 00	$22 00	. . .
J. M. Shreckhise	Bethany	2	1	1	2	2	.	9	1	.	.	.	154	2 000	. . .	400 00	5 00	6 00	10 00	5 50	. . .	5 00	5 00	$50 00
. . . . .	*Bethlehem	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	70	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .
. . . . .	*Brandonville	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	301	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .
J. E. Shenk	Basic City	1	.	.	1	4	.	5	1	4	3	.	120	3 000	. . .	500 00	4 00	16 00	6 63	16 00	. . .	4 00	20 00	. . .
. . . . .	*Buena Vista	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	25	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .
P. J. Wade	Capon	5	.	3	2	2	.	4	3	2	.	.	260	5 000	. . .	748 00	4 00	20 00	13 00	7 00	$12 53	4 00	20 00	. . .
H. E. Baily	Churchville	3	1	.	1	2	.	5	5	.	4	.	92	2 400	. . .	405 00	4 00	17 74	8 77	7 00	. . .	5 00	6 67	. . .
C. N. A. Yonce	Harrisonburg	1	.	1	2	1	.	2	1	3	2	.	83	4 700	. . .	453 49	2 00	16 00	10 00	3 25	. . .	3 00	11 00	60 00
W. J. Smith	Gravel Springs	5	.	4	6	4	.	4	20	12	.	1	340	3 000	. . .	850 00	7 00	112 00	52 00	12 00	. . .	8 00	52 74	. . .
Asa Richard	Lebanon	2	.	.	1	.	.	4	32	23	.	.	200	3 000	$100 00	475 00	5 00	32 00	20 00	7 00	. . .	2 76	20 00	. . .
P. L. Miller	Mason	3	2	1	2	.	.	21	1	14	.	.	190	5 000	. . .	750 00	4 00	20 47	9 47	7 00	. . .	5 00	12 37	6 30
J. A. Flickinger	Madison	1	1	.	1	4	1	.	23	7	.	.	188	12 000	. . .	. . .	. . .	56 50	50 00	18 00	35 50	10 00	50 00	. . .
C. A. Freed	Middlebrook	3	.	.	1	.	.	2	.	.	2	.	94	6 200	. . .	147 00	2 50	18 00	5 50	5 00	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .
Ed. L. Folk	Mt. Jackson	3	2	.	5	2	.	21	4	11	6	1	231	17 500	60 00	1020 00	9 12	70 29	28 61	15 50	. . .	. . .	41 66	. . .
G. W. Spiggle	Mt. Tabor	1	.	.	3	9	.	18	5	10	8	.	343	8 000	. . .	869 00	6 00	48 00	30 00	7 00	2 00	. . .	. . .	. . .
J. A. Snyder	New Market	3	.	1	2	1	.	3	4	7	1	.	256	9 500	. . .	600 00	15 00	32 00	41 90	13 75	35 89	4 50	11 75	. . .
J. C. Seegers	Richmond	1	.	1	1	6	.	19	.	4	9	.	131	15 000	4800 00	1200 00	. . .	11 50	. . .	. . .	11 50	. . .	12 50	. . .
. . . . .	*Rockingham	4	.	.	2	.	2	.	1	.	.	.	120	. . .	. . .	. . .	3 00	13 00	8 90	5 50	. . .	5 00	15 50	. . .
C. H. Rockey	Shepherdstown	1	.	1	.	.	.	2	2	11	5	.	283	10 000	. . .	1550 00	15 00	77 00	110 00	35 00	31 60	5 00	10 00	15 00
L. M. Sibole	Smithfield	3	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	1	1	.	30	1 500	. . .	225 58	1 50	3 00	1 00	. . .	. . .	. . .	4 50	. . .
H. F. Shealy	Staunton	1	.	3	3	4	.	10	8	6	17	.	191	20 000	146 00	1788 50	10 00	63 65	33 60	10 00	97 25	5 00	40 50	88 85
L. L. Smith	Strasburg	2	.	2	6	.	.	6	.	7	1	.	210	12 500	200 00	800 00	5 00	44 38	9 90	8 55	. . .	. . .	8 26	. . .
W. B. Oney	Salem	3	.	.	4	7	.	3	3	3	2	.	286	4 000	. . .	505 00	5 00	40 00	27 41	8 55	19 54	5 00	20 75	. . .
D. P. Crickenberger	Waynesboro	2	2	1	.	1	.	4	8	2	5	1	156	9 500	. . .	1000 00	7 50	60 00	40 00	13 00	112 50	8 00	37 50	15 00
L. G. M. Miller	Winchester	1	.	1	5	3	.	14	14	20	4	.	337	23 000	. . .	1792 66	220 00	196 00	122 44	37 00	109 79	15 00	117 53	. . .
A. A. J. Bushong	Woodstock	4	.	.	12	3	.	13	21	20	8	.	439	10 300	. . .	850 00	7 50	60 00	61 00	13 00	. . .	8 00	47 42	. . .
	*Vacant.	69	10	21	63	55	3	182	157	175	79	3	5640	$195 100	$5306 00	$17489 23	$355 12	$1060 93	$1825 23	$279 10	$468 10	$118 26	$587 65	$235 15

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MINUTES

OF THE

FIRST CONVENTION

OF THE

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS

COMPRISED IN THE

VIRGINIA SYNOD

OF THE

EVANG. LUTHERAN CHURCH,

HELD IN

EMMANUEL CHURCH, WOODSTOCK, VA.,

AUGUST 1, 2, AND 3, 1893,

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OFFICERS OF THIS CONVENTION.

Place and Time of Meeting.

Winchester, Virginia, is the place of meeting; the time to be decided by the officers of the Convention, and pastor and Superintendent of the Sunday-school of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Winchester, Virginia.

THE CALL.

Pursuant to the resolution passed by Synod, the following call was issued by the Executive and Advisory Board of Missions:

The Sunday-school and Missionary Convention and the Reunion of the Lutherans of the Valley of Virginia, Aug. 1, 2, 3, and 4, 1893.

The Board of Missions, by direction of Synod at its last convention, have arranged for a Convention and Reunion. This convention will meet in Emmanuel church, Woodstock, Va., Tuesday, August 1, 1893, at 8 p. m., and continue in session Wednesday and Thursday, August 2 and 3. The Reunion will be held on Friday, August 4, at the Shenandoah County Fair Grounds, on the suburbs of Woodstock. The following particulars are given:

REPRESENTATION IN THE CONVENTION.

1. All ministers of the Synod are members *ex officio.*

2. Each school in the Synod is entitled to two delegates; schools having an enrollment of officers, teachers, and scholars over 100 shall have one additional delegate for every 50 or fraction thereof.

3. Ladies are eligible to the position of delegate.

It is important that the various schools at once elect their delegates, and that their names be forwarded to M. Coffman, Esq., Chairman of Committee of Entertainment, Woodstock, Va. The committee desire the names of all delegates not later than July 25th.

REDUCED RATES.

Reduced rates on the B. & O. Railroad have been secured, and all delegates and visitors can secure certificates authorizing railroad agents to sell tickets by applying to C. C. Berry, Staunton, or the Secretary of the Board.

ENTERTAINMENT.

All ministers and properly accredited delegates will be entertained by the brethren of Emmanuel congregation, and any persons desiring to attend the convention other than ministers and delegates, can secure accommodations at the hotels and private boarding houses of Woodstock at reduced rates, the Committee on Entertainment having made such an arrangement.

PROGRAM OF EXERCISES.

A program of exercises is now being prepared, bringing before the convention many phases of the Sunday-school and Mission work. This program will be published in due time, and will be mailed to the pastors and delegates.

THE REUNION.

After the idea of the great Pen-Mar Reunion, it has been determined to have a Reunion of all the Lutherans of the Valley at the Shenandoah County Fair Grounds, on Friday, August 4th—the day following the adjournment of the convention. It is our desire to have an outpouring of all Lutherans on that day, and make it a notable event in the Valley. The Board expect to have Rev. G. W. Enders, D. D., of York, Pa.; Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D., Western Secretary of the Board of Missions of the General Synod; Rev. L. A. Fox, D. D., Vice-President of Roanoke College; Rev. Dr. Roth, editor of the *Young Lutheran;* Rev. A. H. Studebaker, D. D., of Baltimore; Hon. M. D. Harter, Member of Congress from Ohio; Hon. A. Koiner, of Virginia; and other distinguished clergymen and laymen, to make addresses on the history and work of our beloved church. For the day of the Reunion excursion trains will be run from Staunton and Harper's Ferry for the accommodation of all who desire to attend at low rates. Children under 12 years, half of excursion rate.

MUSIC.

Several bands will furnish music, and the Board urgently request the choirs and Sunday-schools of the different congregations to come prepared to render vocal music. An organ will be provided for the exercises.

CONCLUSION.

Any other information can be had by addressing the *Secretary*, Rev. L. L. SMITH, Strasburg, Va. The Board earnestly urges all the pastors and laymen of the Synod to give this Convention and Reunion their hearty support, and let the Lutheran masses of the Valley make this a notable event for the upbuilding of the church.

L. G. M. MILLER, J. A. SNYDER,
ASA RICHARD, W. J. SMITH,
L. L. SMITH, HENRY BAETJER, C. W. HEATER,

Board of Missions of Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Virginia.

JULY 13, 1893.

MINUTES

OF THE

FIRST SUNDAY-SCHOOL CONVENTION

OF THE

EVANG. LUTHERAN SYNOD OF VIRGINIA.

Pursuant to the call as published on preceding pages, the first Sunday-school Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Virginia, was held in Emmanuel Lutheran church, Woodstock, Va., August 1–3, 1893.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 1893—8 P. M.

The opening services were led by Rev. L. L. Smith, Strasburg, Va., President of the Virginia Synod and Secretary of the Executive and Advisory Board of Missions, after which the opening sermon was preached by Rev. L. G. M. Miller, D. D., of Winchester, Va.

An address of welcome was then delivered by L. S. Walker, Esq., of Emmanuel church, Woodstock, which was most fittingly responded to by C. W. Heater, Esq., of St. Paul's church, Strasburg, Va., and a lay-member of the Executive and Advisory Board of Missions. The organization of the Convention and election of officers were then deferred until next morning, on account of the lateness of the hour, and the congregation dismissed.

FIRST SESSION.

WOODSTOCK, VA., AUGUST 2, 1893—9 A. M.

Devotional services were conducted by Rev. — — —— whereupon the Convention was called to order by Rev. L. L. Smith, Secretary of the Executive and Advisory Board of Missions, who called L. S. Walker to act as the temporary

secretary of the Convention; whereupon a roll of the Convention was ordered to be made, and the delegates presented their credentials, and the names of those entitled to seats in the Convention were ordered to be placed on the roll.

The following ministers of their respective charges, and the representatives of the following Sunday-schools were reported as present:

REGISTER OF PASTORS AND DELEGATES PRESENT.

NO.	PASTORATE.	PASTOR.	CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.
1	Aurora			
2	Bethany			
3	Bethlehem			
4	Brandonville			
5	Capon	P. J. Wade	St. Peter's	E. W. Wade.
6	Churchville	H. E. Bailey	St. Paul's	Joseph Houseman.
7	Gravel Springs	W. J. Smith	Bethel	Robert Lewis and Mrs. Elizabeth Lewis.
			Fremont	M. G. Richards and T. G. Wootring.
			Gravel Springs	E. S. Orndorff and Anna Pifer.
			St. John's	R. M. Cooper and Anna Cooper.
8	Harrisonburg	C. N. A. Yonce	Muhlenburg	Ernestine Bucher and Mrs. A. Wilson.
9	Lebanon	Asa Richard	Lebanon	William Miller, G. H. Snarr, and Katie Miller.
			St. Paul's	Julius Richards and J. W. Snapp.
10	Madison			
11	Mt. Jackson	E. L. Folk	Mt. Calvary	Mrs. E. L. Folk and Ella Downey.
			Bethel	Mamie Bowman and Virgie Bowman.
12	Mason			
13	Middlebrook	C. A. Freed	Holy Trinity	David Rusmiselle.
			St. Mark's	Martin Arehart and J. W. Spitler.
14	Mt. Tabor	G. W. Spiggle	Mt. Tabor	Misses Alice V. Clemmer, Rena Swartzell, E. V. Bosserman, and L. A. Arehart.
15	New Market	J. A. Snyder	St. Martin's	Perry C. Olinger.
			St. Matthew's	Mrs. J. A. Snyder and J. Rufus Zirkle.
16	Richmond			
17	Rockingham		St. John's	J. L. Wright and S. P. Beery.
18	Shepherdstown			
19	Staunton	H. F. Shealy	Christ Church	C. C. Berry, J. A. Alexander, Mrs. J. A. Wise, and Miss E. V. Brown.
20	Strasburg	L. L. Smith	St. Paul's	C. W. Heater, F. H. Chandler, and Bettie Ludwig.
21	Smithfield			
22	Salem	W. B. Oney	Salem	Lawrence Root, G. D. Wine, and A. D. Landes.
			Melanchthon	Mary B. Shover.
			St. James	T. S. Shumate and Eva DePriest.
23	Waynesboro	D. P. T. Crickenberger	Zion	R. F. Davis and J. P. White.
			St. James	A. H. Towberman and John D. Miller.
24	Winchester	L. G. M. Miller	Grace	J. E. Cooper, Henry Schneider, Hugh Green, and G. H. Heist.
25	Woodstock	A. A. J. Bushong	Emmanuel	M. Coffman, F. S. Bowman, and L. S. Walker.
			St. Peter's	C. O. Keller, Joel S. Borden, N. F. Snarr, and M. L. Snarr.
			Mt. Zion	Naason Wisman.
			St. Luke's	D. H. Hottel and Eliza Clarke.
26	Basic City			
27	Buena Vista			

Whereupon the following officers were elected:

President—C. C. Berry.

1st Vice-President from Potomac Conference—M. Coffman.

2d Vice-President from Southern Conference—R. F. Davis.

Secretary—L. S. Walker.

Assistant Secretary—Rev. H. F. Shealy.

Treasurer—Mrs. J. A. Wise.

On motion, Rev. P. C. Wike, of the Tennessee Synod, Rev. Prof. F. V. N. Painter, of Roanoke College, Rev. J. P. Stump, of the M. E. church, south, and Rev. N. H. Skyles, of the German Reformed church, were elected and received as advisory members of this Convention.

On motion, it was then resolved that we now proceed to the transaction of business, pursuant to the plan as laid down in the program.

10 A. M. First Topic—"*The Necessity and Fruitage of a Well-organized and Aggressive Sunday-school*"—was then opened by Rev. H. F. Shealy, of Staunton. The hour for the first topic having expired, the Convention closed the proceedings and ordered the second topic discussed.

11 A. M. Second Topic—"*Elements of a Successful Superintendent*"—was discussed by Rev. Ed. L. Folk, Mt. Jackson, Va., and Messrs. C. C. Berry, of Staunton, Va., and J. E. Cooper, of Winchester, Va.

Rev. L. L. Smith, J. A. Alexander, and C. W. Heater were appointed a Committee to draft a Constitution and By-Laws for the Convention, and to suggest business for the session tomorrow morning.

On motion, the Convention adjourned. Benediction by Rev. W. B. Oney.

SECOND SESSION.

EMMANUEL CHURCH, WOODSTOCK, VA.,
AUGUST 2, 1893—2.30 P. M.

Convention convened. Devotional exercises were con-

ducted by Rev. C. N. A. Yonce, of Harrisonburg. Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

On motion, the topic for 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon was changed to 4 o'clock, and the topic for 4 o'clock changed to 3 o'clock.

3 P. M. First Topic—"*The Literature of the Sunday-school, the Catechism, the Lesson Helps, and the Library*"—was discussed by Rev. D. P. T. Crickenberger, Waynesboro, Va., and Rev. P. C. Wike, of Tom's Brook, Va.

4 P. M. Second Topic—"*The Orphan Cause and the Sunday-school*"—was discussed by Rev. G. W. Spiggle, of Mt. Tabor, Va., and Rev. Prof. F. V. N. Painter, Secretary of South View Orphan Home, who gave a very interesting and instructive talk on the aims and needs of said institution.

On motion, it was resolved that the Secretary procure and have prepared for tomorrow morning's session a Question Box.

Adjourned. Benediction by Rev. L. L. Smith.

THIRD SESSION.

EMMANUEL CHURCH, WOODSTOCK, VA.,
AUGUST 2, 1893—8 P. M.

Convention convened. M. Coffman, first Vice-President, acting President. Singing by the infant class of Emmanuel Sunday-school—"Jesus Bids us Shine." Devotional services were conducted by Rev. J. A. Snyder, New Market, Va.

First address by J. A. Alexander, of Staunton, Va.; subject, "Missionary Work of the Sunday-school."

Second address by Prof. F. V. N. Painter, of Roanoke College; subject, "Education of the Young, or the Definition of Education."

Third address by C. C. Berry, of Staunton, Va.; subject, "The Duty of Sunday-school Scholars."

Adjourned. Benediction by Rev. J. P. Stump, of M. E. church, south, Woodstock, Va.

FOURTH SESSION.

EMMANUEL CHURCH, WOODSTOCK, VA.,
THURSDAY MORNING, AUG. 3, 1893—9 A. M.

Convention convened. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. W. B. Oney, of Mt. Sidney, Va. Roll called, and minutes read and adopted.

The following Resolution of Thanks was offered by C. W. Heater, of Strasburg, Va., and adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That the President of this Convention be authorized at the close of this Convention, to return the hearty thanks of this body to the pastor and members of Emmanuel congregation and friends of this community, for the very generous hospitality extended whilst sojourning in their midst.

On motion, it was resolved unanimously that the Convention be held annually.

On motion, a Resolution of Thanks was tendered to the members of Emmanuel church, Woodstock, Va., for their generosity in paying all of the necessary expenses of this Convention.

On motion, it was resolved that the topic, set for discussion at 4 o'clock this afternoon, be dispensed with, and that in its stead the "Question Box" be opened, and that the questions therein contained, be discussed by the Convention.

On motion, it was resolved that the reports of the different Sunday-schools be read by the different representatives, which was done, and the Secretary ordered to make a tabulated report of the same.

On motion, it was resolved that all ministers present, within whose charges no reports were received from any Sunday-school within their said pastorates, have prepared the reports from the delinquent Sunday-schools, and that the Secretary be ordered to write to the ministers not present to have said reports forwarded to him within the next 10 days.

On motion, it was resolved that Mr. E. P. Beery, of Rockingham, be permitted to propound the following question to the Convention for discussion: "What is the best way to

secure individual interest in the Sunday-school work from adults?" which was discussed by Revs. G. W. Spiggle, H. E. Bailey, and L. G. M. Miller, D. D.

On motion, it was resolved that a committee of three be appointed by the President, to take into consideration the advisability and cost of having the Minutes of this Convention printed and report their action to the afternoon session; whereupon the President appointed Rev. H. F. Shealy, L. S. Walker, and Miss Bettie Ludwig, as said committee.

The 11 A. M. hour having passed, the discussion of the first topic was dispensed with.

The Second Topic—"*How to Develop and Interest the Young in the Missionary Work of the Church*"—was opened by Rev. L. G. M. Miller, D. D., of Winchester, Va.

Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D., Western Secretary of the Mission Board of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran church, was introduced to the Convention and elected an honorary member.

The second topic was further discussed by Rev. L. L. Smith, of Strasburg, Va., and Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D., of Des Moines, Iowa.

Adjourned. Benediction by Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D.

FIFTH SESSION.

EMMANUEL CHURCH, WOODSTOCK, VA.,
AUGUST 3, 1893—2.30 P. M.

Convention convened. Roll called. Minutes read and approved. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Asa Richard, of Winchester, Va.

Report of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws submitted the following, which was adopted:

1. *Resolved*, That the officers of this Convention be constituted an Executive Committee, and that the duty of arranging a program for the next Convention be committed to them.

2. *Resolved*, That the Executive Committee, if they deem it wise

and advisable, report a Constitution and By-Laws for the government at the next Convention.

3. *Resolved*, That the Executive Committee be empowered to have a Reunion in connection with the next Convention, if they deem it advisable. Respectfully submitted,

L. L. SMITH,
J. A. ALEXANDER,
C. W. HEATER.

On motion, it was resolved that Winchester be selected as the place for holding the next Convention, and it was further resolved that the time for holding the next Convention, be left to the officers of this Convention, the pastor of the Winchester church, and the superintendent of the Winchester Sunday-school.

3 P. M. Topic—"*Children's Missionary Societies, Circles, and Bands, and what they can do*"—was discussed by Rev. C. N. A. Yonce, of Harrisonburg, and Rev. H. E. Bailey, of Churchville.

The committee, appointed to investigate the cost and propriety of having the Minutes of this Convention printed, submitted the following report:

The committee, appointed to investigate the cost and take into consideration the advisability of having the Minutes of this Convention printed, beg leave to report the following:

That the cost of printing about 1,000 copies, would be about $20.00; 1,500 copies, about $25.00; and 2,000 copies, about $30.00.

We would recommend the printing of the Minutes of this Convention.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Convention be instructed to have two thousand copies of the Minutes of its proceedings printed.

Respectfully submitted,

H. F. SHEALY,
L. S. WALKER,
MISS BETTIE LUDWIG.

After a very animated discussion and argument from many of the members of the Convention, the report of the committee was non-concurred in.

On motion, it was resolved that this Convention request the Virginia Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran church to have the Minutes of this Convention printed, along with the Minutes of the Synod, and it was further requested that the

Synod have at least 500 more copies of the Minutes printed than heretofore, for the use of this Convention.

4 P. M. Question Box opened, with Dr. R. F. Davis, Second Vice-President, in the chair, and a very interesting and entertaining discussion was had on the following questions, which were found in said Box, viz.:

1. The best plan by which to keep the larger scholars interested in the school?

2. Should a teacher be engaged in the Sunday-school who is not a member of the Church?

3. Should Sunday-school teachers attend places of public, worldly amusement?

4. How shall we secure improvement in studying the lessons? Do any of our workers get anything like adequate study?

5. Is there a better Sunday-school music book than "Gospel Songs"?

6. What is the most essential factor in a successful Sunday-school teacher?

7. How can you get people to attend Sunday-school who take no interest in church or Sunday-school?

8. What reason can any one give why the Sunday-school should not be opened every Lord's day?

This question was answered, *none whatever*, by interesting speeches made by J. E. Cooper, Winchester, Va., Rev. D. P. T. Crickenberger, Waynesboro, Va., Dr. S. B. Barnitz, of Des Moines, Iowa, and Dr. L. G. M. Miller, of Winchester, Va.

On motion, it was resolved that each Sunday-school be assessed $1 for every 50 members or fraction thereof, for expenses of the Convention, hereafter to be used, and that the same be paid to Mrs. J. A. Wise, Staunton, Va., Treasurer of this Convention; and that the Secretary of this Convention be ordered to notify the superintendent of each Sunday-school of this assessment, and request them to pay the same at an early date to said Treasurer.

Adjourned. Benediction by Rev. L. G. M. Miller, D. D.

SIXTH SESSION.

EMMANUEL CHURCH, WOODSTOCK, VA.,
AUGUST 3, 1893—8 P. M.

Convention convened, and the opening devotional exercises conducted by Rev. Prof. F. V. N. Painter, of Roanoke College.

The President then introduced Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D., Western Secretary of Missions of the General Synod, and Rev. G. W. Enders, D. D., of York, Pa., both of whom made magnificent addresses on Missions and the wonderful progress in the United States of the great Lutheran church.

The President then, in chaste and beautiful language, thanked the pastor and members of Emmanuel Lutheran church and their friends, for their kindness and hospitality, pursuant to the resolution passed by this Convention at a former session, and the Convention adjourned with the benediction by Rev. Prof. F. V. N. Painter, of Roanoke College.

C. C. BERRY, PRESIDENT.

L. S. WALKER, SECRETARY.

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TABULATED STATISTICAL REPORTS OF THE SUNDAY-SCHOOLS OF THE VIRGINIA SYNOD OF THE EVANG. LUTH. CHURCH.

NUMBER.	Pastorate.	Name of Pastor.	Name of Church.	Name of Superintendent.	P. O. Address of Supt.	How Many Months School Held.	Hour of Opening.	Number of Officers.	Number Teachers.	Number of Scholars.	Total Membership.	Average Attendance.	Number Added to the Church from S. S. During the Year.	Amt. Contributed to Benev. and Miss. Objects During the Year.	Amt. Expended for the School the Past Year.	Total Amount of Money Raised by the School for all Purposes.	What Lesson Helps Used.	What Music Books Used.	Number of Volumes in Library.
			Salem	Lewis S. Stemple	Aurora	12	9	12	13	131	142	91	5	$ 29 62	$ 31 01	$ 75 03	Augsburg	Gospel Hymns	
			Centennial Chapel		Eglon														
1	Aurora	S. L. Keller	St. John's	A. D. Roth and D. O. Roth	Eglon	12	9	9	16	105	120	75				5 00	Augsburg	Gospel Hymns	100
			Grace Chapel																
			Texas Liberty	R. A. McMakin	Amboy	9	2 30	7	12	55	67	50	1	11 45	29 74	26 00	Augsburg	Pearls of Truth	42
2	Bethany	J. M. Shreckhise	Bethany	James Lindsey	Alone	5	10	4	11	44	55	40			5 07	13 00		Gospel Hymns	
			Brownsburg	T. A. Deaver	Brownsburg	5	10	2	5	33	38	25		2 00	4 00	6 00	Augsburg	Moody and Sankey	50
3	Bethlehem		Bethlehem																
			Browntown																
			St. John																
			Luther Chapel																
4	Brandonville	W. H. Beery	St. Peter's																
			Mt. Zion																
			St. Mark's																
5	Basic City	J. E. Shenk	Bethlehem	G. W. Coiner	Fishersville	5	10	11	13	115	150	90	6	5 00	10 00	14 00	Augsburg	Gospel Hymns	63
6	Buena Vista	E. E. Schantz	Trinity	E. E. Schantz	Buena Vista	12	9 30	4	5	40	46	24		2 30	22 01	24 31	D. C. Cook & Co	Gospel Hymns	37
			Hebron	Hugh P. Cline	Yellow Springs	6	9 30	6	4	55	60	38		2 00	10 00	13 00	Augsburg	Gospel Hymns	100
			St. Peter's	Wm. L. Didawick	Wardensville	8	9 30	5	7	70	77	55	1	8 00	21 00	29 00	Augsburg	Gospel Hymns	40
7	Capon	P. J. Wade	North River	E. P. Frye	Rio	6	9	6	5	65	71	54		1 00	3 00	4 00		Gospel Hymns	75
			St. James	P. F. Swisher	Mill Brook	6	9	4	5	31	40	25	2	1 00	5 00	6 00	Augsburg	Gospel Hymns	50
			Mt. Moriah	J. N. Baughman	Hanging Rock Mills	5	9	4	4	40	48	33			3 00	3 00	Augsburg	Gospel Hymns	
			St. Peter's	N. B. Hulvey	Churchville	6	10	4	3	44	51	35		2 70	6 15	8 85	Augsburg	New Life	77
8	Churchville	H. E. Bailey	Pleasant View	J. A. Houff	Staunton	6	10	3	4	63	76	43		12 14		12 14	Augsburg	Gospel Hymns	
			St. Paul	Joseph Houseman	Staunton	6	3	4	5	40	49	33				6 00	Augsburg	Gospel Hymns	40
			Bethel	M. Glaize	Winchester	9	10	4	7	90	97	60	2	5 95	15 00	20 95	Augsburg	Popular Hymns	
			Fremont	P. J. Williams	Rosenberger's	6	9	4	4	46	60	35	1	9 50	45 00	48 31	Augsburg	Gospel Hymns	75
9	Gravel Springs	Wm. J. Smith	Gravel Springs	James B. Brill	Star Tannery	9	10	6	11	82	99	75		26 00	18 52	44 52	Augsburg	Gospel Hymns	85
			St. John's	R. M. Cooper	Mt. Falls	6	9	5	9	80	89	63			13 07	13 07	Augsburg	Gospel Hymns	250
			St. James	S. G. Racey	Zepp	9	9 30	4	7	100	107	75	4	5 60	10 86	18 00	Augsburg	Gospel Hymns	
10	Harrisonburg	C. N. A. Yonce	Muhlenberg	A. H. Snyder	Harrisonburg	12	9 30	5	9	100	114		14	10 00	20 00	35 00	Augsburg	Gospel Hymns No. 5	250
11	Lebanon	Asa Richard	Lebanon	G. H. Snarr	Wheatfield	7	9	5	11	146	162	94	33	13 81	22 50	46 00	Rev. P. Andstadt & Son	Gos. H. & Notes of Triumph	75
			St. Paul	John Wm. Snapp		7	9	6	7	54	60	44		19 00	8 76	27 76	Augsburg	Gospel Hymns	50
12	Madison	J. A. Flickinger	Hebron	John F. Crigler	Madison C. H.	7	1 30	4	16	57	73	46	9	58 09	9 56	67 65	Augsburg	New Light	
13	Mt. Jackson	Ed. L. Folk	Mt. Calvary	J. S. C. Murphy	Mt. Jackson	2	9 & 9 30	4	7	75	85	50	3	3 41	48 14	75 70	Augsburg	Apples of Gold	108
			Bethel	William Vehrenkamp	Hamburg	4	9	4	7	48	55	33			10 50	10 50	Augsburg	Winning Songs	
			Holy Trinity	David Rusmiselle	Middlebrook	3½	10 & 3	4	6	33	43	35		8 00	*4 91	†12 91	Augsburg		175
			Newport																
14	Middlebrook	C. A. Freed	St. Mark's	Lee Arehart	Middlebrook	6	9 30	4	12	80	96	40						Gospel Hymns	
			Mt. Hermon	G. S. Fir	Moffett's Creek	4	3	4	8	66	78	37			5 00	7 50	Augsburg	Gospel Hymns	50
			New Haven	B. F. Rollins	New Haven	12	9 30	10	6	74	90	56	5	17 69	28 15	67 49	Augsburg	Winnowed Songs	
15	Mason	P. L. Miller	New Hope																
			White																
16	Mt. Tabor	G. W. Spiggle	Mt. Tabor	G. W. Spiggle	Middlebrook	6	10	5	15	174	194	106		11 63	12 71	66 34	The Lutheran	Gospel Hymns	100
17	Mt. Tabor	G. W. Spiggle	Luther Chapel	J. W. S. Sheppard	Staunton	5	3	4	5	40	49				3 00	3 00	Augsburg	Gospel Hymns	
18	New Market	J. A. Snyder	St. Matthew	T. L. Williamson	New Market	12	9 & 9 30	7	15	90	105	60	5	25 00	20 00	45 00	Augsburg	Augsburg Songs	102
			St. Martin	P. C. Olinger		8	3	4	7	49	60	43	2	16 84	6 85	23 69	Augsburg	The Star of Bethlehem	
19	Richmond	J. C. Seegers	First English	J. J. Umlauf		12	9 30	6	8	111	125	73½	3			89 30	Greenwald's Child's Book ‡	Augsburg Songs	267
			Frieden's	W. S. Slusser & S. T. Shank		6	9 30	6	8	98	112	70	2	6 00	4 70	10 70	Cook's Quarterly	Gospel Hymns	
20	Rockingham	J. W. Strickler	St. John's	J. L. Wright	Chrisman	6	9	4	8	40	48	28	1	2 18	12 00	14 18	Augsburg	Gospel Hymns	100
			Trinity																
			St. Peter's	B. S. Pendleton	Shepherdstown, W. Va	12	2	8	22	175	205	141		100 10	150 00	250 10	Augsburg	The Happy Greetings	285
21	Shepherdsto'n	C. J. Rockey	Uvilla	J. D. Derr	Uvilla, W. Va.	12	9 30	4	11	69	81		2	15 00	23 60	34 60	Augsburg	Sowing and Reaping	75
22	Staunton	H. F. Shealy	Christ	C. C. Berry	Staunton	12	9 30	5	19	154	178	132	10	42 00	138 00	204 00	Augsburg	Augsburg Songs	250
23	Strasburg	L. L. Smith	St. Paul	Jacob W. Eberly	Strasburg	12	9 30	7	13	120	133	79	1	138 00	22 00	160 00	Augsburg	Select Songs	225
			Trinity	C. A. Shannon	Stephen's City	12	2 30	5	11	82	98	52	5	20 00	19 00	39 00	Augsburg	Echo Music Company	
			Stone's Chapel																
24	Smithfield	L. M. Sibole	Gerardstown																
			Smithfield																
			Salem	R. O. Wilburger		6	9 30	8	9	103	120	60	3	5 15	7 44	12 59	Augsburg	Temple Star	
25	Salem	W. B. Oney	Melanchthon Chapel	W. B. Oney	Mt. Sidney	6	10&2 30	3	6	52	61	30	1	10 00	6 00	16 00	Augsburg	Augsburg Songs	
			St. James	G. D. Ritchie	Mt. Sidney	9	9	6	5	73	84	45		6 06	9 16	15 22	Augsburg	Gospel Hymns	
26	Waynesboro	D. P. T. Crickenberger	Zion	J. P. White	Waynesboro	6	10	4	7	40	51	35	8	13 01	12 00	25 01	Augsburg	Augsburg Songs	
			St. James	A. Henry Towberman	Staunton	6	10 & 4	8	7	85	100	85	4	5 87	25 00	30 87	Augsburg	Augsburg Songs	
27	Winchester	L. G. M. Miller	Grace	J. E. Cooper	Winchester	12	2	7	24	317	348	204	11	285 00	176 86	315 38	Augsburg and others	Casket and Jewels of Praise	610
			Emmanuel	M. Coffman	Woodstock	12	9 15	4	14	96	112	82	3	81 80	50 00	142 01	Augsburg	Select Songs	400
28	Woodstock	A. A. J. Bushong	St. Peter's	J. S. Borden	Tom's Brook	12	9 30	6	11	120	137	100	4	18 00	56 06	102 71			
			Mt. Zion	Naason W. man	Jadwyn	6	9 30	3	10	70	83	55	3		8 25	8 25	Augsburg	Gospel Hymns	
			St. Luke	W. C. Alther	St. Luke	8	9	3	10	121	134	80	16		14 63	34 48	Augsburg	Gospel Hymns	
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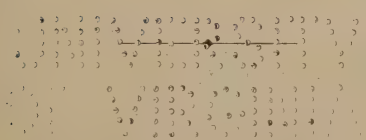

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NEXT MEETING OF SYNOD: Place—St. Matthew's Church, New Market, Va., Rev. J. A. Snyder, pastor. Time—Tuesday before the 4th Sunday of August, 1895.

MINUTES OF SIXTY-FIFTH CONVENTION

OF THE

EVANG. LUTHERAN SYNOD OF VIRGINIA.

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Virginia met pursuant to adjournment in St. Paul's church, Strasburg, Va., Tuesday evening, August 21, 1894. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. C. N. A. Yonce, of Harrisonburg, Va.

FIRST SESSION.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, STRASBURG, VA.,
AUGUST 22, 1894.

Synod was formally opened by the President, Rev. L. L. Smith, according to the form of service of the Book of Worship.

The clerical roll was called and absentees noted. Lay-Delegates presented their credentials, and the names of those entitled to seats in the Synod were ordered to be placed on the roll.

MINISTERS.	ORDAINED	POST-OFFICES.	LAY-DELEGATES
Rev. J. M. Shreckhise . . .	1858	Moffatt's Creek, Va. . . .	J. W. Engleman.
" J. A. Snyder	1859	New Market, Va	S. R. Hoover.
" J. A. Flickinger	1859	Madison C. H., Va	J. F. Crigler.
" A. A. J. Bushong . . .	1863	Woodstock, Va	W. C. Alther.
" L. G. M. Miller, D. D. .	1874	Winchester, Va.	J. Few Brown.
" Prof. Jas. Willis	1877	Staunton, Va	
" W. J. Smith	1878	Mountain Falls, Va. . . .	M. H. Albin.
" H. E. Baily	1878	Churchville, Va.	P. E. Hauff.
" L. M. Sibole	1880	Middleway, W. Va	
" L. L. Smith	1880	Strasburg, Va.	C. A. Shannon.
" W. B. Oney	1882	Mt. Sidney, Va	A. S. Coffman.
" C. H. Rocky	1882	Shepherdstown, W. Va . .	Mayberry McKee.
" J. W. Strickler	1882	Bridgewater, Va.	S. T. Shenk.
" J. W. S. Sheppard . . .	1883	Buena Vista, Va	
" Ed. L. Folk	1884	Mt. Jackson, Va	R. J. Walker.
" D. P. T. Crickenberger.	1885	Waynesboro, Va	Dr. R. F. Davis.
" S. L. Keller	1887	Carmel, W. Va	
" C. N. A. Yonce	1887	Harrisonburg, Va. . . .	A. H. Snyder.
" H. F. Shealy	1888	Staunton, Va	Prof. F. W. Hamer.
" Asa Richard	1889	Winchester, Va	Wm. Miller.
" J. E. Shenk*	1890	Norfolk, Va.	
" P. J. Wade	1891	Wardensville, W. Va . .	C. H. Cline.
" J. C. Seegers*	1891	Columbia, S. C.	
" R. B. Peery*	1892	Saga Hizen, Kyushu, Jap.	
" C. A. Freed	1893	Middlebrook, Va	
" D. W. Files†		Capon Bridge, W. Va . . .	Josiah White.
" P. L. Miller†*		New Haven, W. Va. . . .	
" E. A. Shenk†		Waynesboro, Va.	J. C. Hauff.
		Waynesboro, Va.	Philip Killian.

*Absent and excused. †Licentiate.

REGISTER.

NUMBER	PASTORATE.	CHURCHES.	PASTORS.
1	Aurora	Salem, Centennial Chapel, St. John's, Grace Chapel, Texas	Rev. S. L. Keller.
2	Bethany	Bethany, Mt. Olive	Rev. J. M. Shreckhise.
3	Bethlehem	Bethlehem, Browntown	Vacant.
4	Brandonville	St. John's, Luther Chapel, St. Peter's, Mt. Zion, St. Mark's	Vacant.
5	Capon	Hebron, St. Peter's, North River, St. James', Mt. Moriah	Rev. P. J. Wade.
6	Churchville	St. Peter's, Pleasant View, St. Paul	Rev. H. E. Baily.
7	Gravel Springs	Bethel, Fremont, Gravel Springs, St. John's, St. James'	Rev. W. J. Smith.
8	Harrisonburg	Muhlenberg	Rev. C. N. A. Yonce.
9	Lebanon	Lebanon, St. Paul	Rev. Asa Richard.
10	Madison	Hebron, Mt. Pisgah	Rev. J. A. Flickinger.
11	Mt. Jackson	Mt. Calvary, Bethel, Crossroads	Rev. Ed. L. Folk.
12	Mason	New Haven, New Hope. White	Rev. P. L. Miller.
13	Middlebrook	Holy Trinity, Newport, St. Mark's	Rev. C. A. Freed.
14	Mt. Tabor	Mt. Tabor	Vacant.
15	New Market	St. Matthew's, St. Mark's, St. Martin	Rev. J. A. Snyder.
16	Richmond	First English Lutheran Church	Vacant.
17	Rockingham	Frieden's, St. John's, Trinity	Rev. J. W. Strickler.
18	Shepherdstown	St. Peter's	Rev. C. H Rocky.
19	Staunton	Christ Evang. Lutheran Church	Rev. H. F. Shealy.
20	Strasburg	St. Paul's	Rev. L. L. Smith.
21	Smithfield	Stone's Chapel, Gerardstown, Smithfield	Rev. L. M. Sibole.
22	Salem	Salem, Melanchthon Chapel, St. James'	Rev. W. B. Oney.
23	Waynesboro	Zion, St. James'	Rev. D. P. T. Crickenberger.
24	Winchester	Grace Church	Rev. L. G. M. Miller, D. D.
25	Woodstock	Emmanuel, St. Peter's, Mt. Zion, St. Luke's	Rev. A. A. J. Bushong.
26	Basic City	Bethlehem, Waynesboro	Rev. E. A. Shenk.
27	Buena Vista	Trinity	Rev. J. W. S. Sheppard.
28	Stephen's City	Trinity	Vacant.

The President, Rev. L. L. Smith, read his report, which was received and laid on the table for future action.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

DEAR BRETHREN: Permitted again to assemble in the 65th Annual Convention of this Synod, we would praise and adore our God for His watchful care and providence over us during the past synodical year. Our ministerial roll has been unbroken by death—an unusual spiritual life has manifested itself in the churches, large additions being made to the membership of many of the congregations, and, though our people have been depressed financially by the stringent times, our offerings have been fully up to the past,—these facts call forth our praise and gratitude to Him who is the giver of every good and perfect gift.

As required by the constitution, I now submit a brief statement of my official acts, and of such other matters as it is proper that I should bring to your attention.

I. REMOVAL OF THE PRESIDENT.

During the latter part of January, 1894, our President, Rev. G. W. Spiggle, of Mt. Tabor Church, Augusta county, Va., removed to Kittanning, Pa., having accepted a call to St. John's church, of that place. In obedience to the constitution, he committed to me the office, with a brief statement of his official acts. These facts I have incorporated in this report. Our brother will be missed in the deliberations of this body, and, as an able and active pastor and preacher, his ministry was eminently fruitful and successful. He has the hearty wishes and prayers of the brethren of this Synod for his continued usefulness in his new field of labor, who highly esteemed him as an earnest minister and a genial and attractive brother.

II. RESIGNATIONS.

1. January 1, 1894, Rev. G. W. Spiggle informed me that he had resigned the Mt. Tabor pastorate, to take effect February 1, 1894, having accepted a call to Kittanning, Pa.

2. June 14, 1894, Rev. R. L. Bame informed me that he had resigned the Brandonville pastorate, to take effect July 1, 1894.

3. July 19, 1894, Rev. J. C. Seegers informed me that he had resigned the First Church, Richmond, to take effect July 31, 1894.

4. August 17, 1894, Rev. C. N. A. Yonce informed me that he had resigned the Harrisonburg pastorate, to take effect September 1, 1894.

5. April 5, 1894, Rev. J. E. Shenk informed me that he had resigned Basic City pastorate, to take effect April 1, 1894.

6. May 19, 1894, Rev. L. L. Smith resigned the Strasburg pastorate, to take effect September 1, 1894.

III. DISMISSION.

March 14, 1894, I gave a regular certificate of honorable dismissal to Rev. G. W. Spiggle, transferring him from this Synod to the Pittsburg Synod of the General Council.

IV. CALLS ACCEPTED.

1. October 2, 1893, Rev. J. W. Strickler informed me that he had accepted the call extended him by the Rockingham pastorate, and had begun work October 1st.

2. January 6, 1894, Rev. R. L. Bame informed me that he had accepted a call from the Brandonville pastorate, having begun work early in October, 1893.

3. June 9, 1894, Rev. J. W. S. Sheppard informed me that he had accepted a call to Buena Vista church.

4. April 2, 1894, Rev. J. E. Shenk informed me that he had begun missionary work in Norfolk, Va., by the direction of the Board of Missions of the United Synod.

V. CREDENTIAL.

Oct. 14, 1893, I received from Rev. J. W. Strickler a letter, dismissing him from Southwestern Virginia Synod to this body.

VI. INSTALLATIONS.

1. Rev. C. A. Freed was installed pastor of the Middlebrook pastorate, October 15, 1893, Rev. D. P. Crickenberger delivering the charge to the pastor and Rev. G. W. Spiggle to the people. Rev. C. B. Miller, of North Carolina, was present and took part in the service.

2. Rev. C. H. Rocky was installed at Shepherdstown, on Sunday, October 29, 1893, Rev. L. G. M. Miller, D. D., delivering the charge to the pastor and Rev. L. L. Smith to the people.

3. Rev. J. W. Strickler was installed pastor of the Rockingham pastorate, November 19, 1893, Rev. D. P. Crickenberger delivering the sermon and conducting the exercises.

4. June 17, 1894, Rev. J. W. S. Sheppard was installed at Buena Vista, Rev. J. I. Miller, D. D., preaching the sermon, and Rev. H. F. Shealy conducting the installation services.

5. On December 17, 1894, Rev. S. L. Keller was installed as pastor of the Aurora pastorate, Rev. C. H. Rocky delivering the charge to the pastor and people.

VII. BASIC CITY PASTORATE.

Immediately after Rev. J. E. Shenk vacated this work, Candidate E. A. Shenk, of Mt. Airy Seminary, became the supply to these churches, serving them at present in that capacity.

VIII. LICENSURE.

Candidate D. W. Files was licensed to preach the Gospel, on Sunday, October 29, 1893, Rev. W. J. Smith conducting the services by resolution of Synod.

IX. DEDICATION.

April 8, 1894, a very beautiful, neat, and substantial church, erected by the Mt. Pisgah congregation, of the Madison pastorate, was consecrated by the pastor. The congregation is small, having been organized during the past year; and their house of worship was erected at a total expense of about $1200, and the entire amount was raised before it was consecrated.

X. OUR MISSIONARIES.

During the year I had correspondence with the Board of Missions of Synod in regard to the failure of some of our missionaries to render quarterly reports to the said Board, as required by synodical enactment. I am glad to say that this failure of duty was readily corrected.

I call the attention of Synod to the necessity of taking some further action on this subject, so no misunderstanding may occur in the future. Let the Synod clearly set forth the necessity of these reports, and, that, only when said reports have been made and certified to by the Board to the Secretary, the warrant for the quarter's salary shall be issued. Further, some rule should be established for the future guidance of the proper officials declaring whether these appropriations be paid at the beginning, during or at the end of the quarter.— I am of the opinion that the report for the quarter should be made and the allowance paid according to present regulations (see Minutes, 1884) when said report has been officially approved by the Board.

XI. DIVISION OF THE STRASBURG PASTORATE.

Early in the spring, in answer to an overture of the council of Trinity church, Stephens City, to St. Paul's church, of Strasburg, a joint council meeting was held, at which it was unanimously resolved that these two churches should be separated. This resolution was sent down to the two congregations to take the sense of the members, and both congregations overwhelmingly voted for its adoption. The time for the separation to go into effect was fixed for September 1, 1894. The Synod is prayed to confirm this action. I trust this important matter will be given your wise and careful consideration.

XII. DIVISION AND REARRANGEMENT OF PASTORATES.

It is evident to all acquainted with the work, that some of our pastorates are unwisely constructed. The present arrangement hinders and cripples the work, and much material is lost to the church. No question is so pressing to my mind, looking to the future growth and prosperity of our beloved church in this Valley, as the better arrangement of our churches into pastorates. I would urge and earnestly urge the Synod to give this delicate, difficult, and perplexing question thoughtful consideration. If this problem could be solved at this convention, no greater and more important movement could be consummated. If something is not soon done, the harm done and the loss suffered will be irretrievable.

XII. THE BOOK OF WORSHIP.

The pastors have realized the excessive cost of our Book of Worship and the difficulty to have every member purchase a copy. Though there is some contract between the United Synod and Mr. Duffie, I think it would be wise and a step in the right direction to call the attention of the United Synod to our desire for cheaper books. The serious obstacle in its introduction among the people is the price.— Could not some arrangement be made to overcome this serious hindrance in the thorough supply of our congregations with the book? Further, though our Book of Worship is just as expensive as the books

of the General Council and General Synod, yet it is so meagre in its hymnology that it is a source of constant regret to every lover of the church. Our church does herself great injustice in permitting this imperfect collection of hymns to continue, by her authority, when the wealth of her hymns is so great. Should not some positive action be taken on this subject?

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion let me say that the important issues of Missions, Education, and Finances will be regularly brought to your attention, and I would bespeak a thorough and prayerful consideration to these vital questions. May this convention of Synod remember its relation to the future of our beloved Zion, assert itself in deep faith in the help of God in adopting heroic measures in building up the waste places, assured, if the leaders falter not, the laity will joyfully respond in help and offerings. Timidity should be banished when duty is plain to us, for our God is an Almighty God, and His grace, wisdom, and infinite resources are vouchsafed to His faithful people.

Thanking the brethren for their uniform kindness and assistance in the administration of this trust, I respectfully submit this report, with its suggestions, to your favorable consideration.

L. L. SMITH.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, STRASBURG, VA.,
AUGUST 22, 1894.

The Secretary, Rev. L. L. Smith, read his report, which was received and laid on the table for future action.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Secretary submits the following report for the past synodical year:

1. The Minutes were printed and distributed at a cost of $136.35.

2. The thanks of Synod should be given C. O. Scull, General Passenger Agent, B. & O. R. R., for the reduced rates to this convention.

3. The bill for postage, expressage, &c., in the discharge of the routine duties of the office, is $2.00.

Respectfully submitted, L. L. SMITH.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, STRASBURG, VA.,
AUGUST 22, 1894.

The Treasurer, L. S. Walker, Esq., read his report, which was received and laid on the table for future action.

APPORTIONMENTS AND RECEIPTS OF THE DIFFERENT CHARGES OF THE VIRGINIA SYNOD OF THE E. L. CHURCH FOR YEAR ENDING AUGUST 21, 1894.

PASTORATE.	BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.		SYNODICAL FUND.		HOME MISSIONS.		FOREIGN MISSIONS.		ORPHANS' HOME.		Total Apportionment.	Total Amount Rec'd.	Deficit.	Overpaid.
	Apportionment.	Received.	Apportionment.	Received.	Apportionment.	Received.	Apportionment.	Received.	Apportionment.	Received.				
Aurora	$ 16 00	$ 16 00	$ 16 00	$ 16 00	$ 65 00	$ 26 61	$ 40 00	$ 15 00	$ 40 00	$ 40 00	$ 177 00	$ 112 61	$ 64 39	. . . .
Bethany	10 00	10 00	10 00	4 00	40 00	6 00	25 00	7 00	25 00	8 30	110 00	35 00	75 00	. . . .
Brandonville	16 00	. . . .	10 00	5 99	40 00	. . . .	25 00	13 64	25 00	5 56	116 00	25 19	90 81	. . . .
Basic City	16 00	16 00	8 00	8 00	25 00	. . . .	20 00	. . . .	20 00	17 83	89 00	41 83	47 17	. . . .
Buena Vista	. . . .	. . . .	4 00	. . . .	12 00	. . . .	10 00	. . . .	10 00	. . . .	36 00	. . . .	36 00	. . . .
Bethlehem	. . . .	. . . .	4 00	. . . .	8 00	1 50	5 00	3 50	5 00	5 00	22 00	10 00	12 00	. . . .
Capon	8 00	8 00	8 00	8 00	32 00	32 00	20 00	13 00	20 00	20 00	88 00	81 00	7 00	. . . .
Churchville	8 00	8 00	8 00	8 00	32 00	16 19	20 00	. . . .	20 00	20 00	88 00	52 19	35 81	. . . .
Gravel Springs	15 00	15 00	14 00	14 00	62 00	62 00	50 00	53 26	50 00	50 00	191 00	194 26	. . . .	$3 26
Harrisonburg	5 00	5 00	4 00	4 00	17 00	17 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	46 00	46 00	. . . .	. . . .
Lebanon	8 00	8 00	10 00	10 00	40 00	30 00	20 00	20 00	10 00	7 00	88 00	75 00	13 00	. . . .
Madison	20 00	22 00	20 00	13 50	90 00	52 00	50 00	25 00	50 00	10 00	230 00	123 50	107 50	. . . .
Mt. Jackson — X Roads.	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	20 00	20 00	5 00	5 00	10 00	10 00	43 00	43 00	. . . .	. . . .
Mt. Jackson — Mt. Calvary.	6 00	6 00	6 00	6 00	30 00	30 00	25 00	25 00	10 00	10 87	77 00	77 87	. . . .	87
Mt. Jackson — Bethel	8 00	8 00	8 00	8 00	30 00	30 00	15 00	10 00	15 00	10 63	76 00	66 63	9 37	. . . .
Mason	8 00	8 00	8 00	6 00	35 00	14 50	20 00	7 65	20 00	6 00	91 00	42 15	48 85	. . . .
New Market — St. Matthew's	14 00	14 00	10 00	10 00	45 00	28 24	20 00	28 22	15 00	10 00	104 00	90 46	13 54	. . . .
New Market — St. Mark's	8 00	8 00	4 00	. . .	14 00	6 50	10 00	. . . .	10 00	5 50	46 00	20 00	26 00	. . . .
New Market — St. Martin's	8 00	. . . .	4 00	. . . .	14 00	. . . .	10 00	. . . .	10 00	. . . .	46 00	. . . .	46 00	. . . .
Richmond	5 00	. . . .	5 00	. . . .	20 00	. . . .	15 00	. . . .	10 00	11 00	55 00	11 00	44 00	. . . .
Rockingham	7 00	7 00	6 00	6 00	24 00	24 00	15 00	15 00	15 00	15 00	67 00	67 00	. . . .	. . . .
Shepherdstown	35 00	35 03	40 00	40 00	140 00	154 52	60 00	56 34	60 00	14 00	335 00	299 89	35 11	. . . .
Staunton	20 00	20 00	20 00	20 00	70 00	70 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	190 00	190 00	. . . .	. . . .
Strasburg	10 00	10 00	15 00	15 00	50 00	50 00	30 00	30 00	25 00	25 00	130 00	130 00	. . . .	. . . .
Smithfield	4 00	. . . .	3 00	2 00	12 00	2 00	10 00	. . . .	7 00	2 50	36 00	6 50	29 50	. . . .
Salem	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	45 00	51 55	30 00	36 55	15 00	16 57	110 00	124 67	. . . .	14 67
Waynesboro	15 00	35 00	15 00	15 00	70 00	40 56	40 00	43 50	26 00	26 00	166 00	160 06	5 94	. . . .
Winchester	50 00	50 00	50 00	50 00	225 00	225 00	750 00	1125 00	110 00	110 00	1185 00	1560 00	. . . .	375 00
Woodstock — Emmanuel	6 00	6 00	6 00	6 00	30 00	48 00	20 00	38 00	15 00	40 00	77 00	138 00	. . . .	61 00
Woodstock — St. Peter's	6 00	6 00	5 00	5 00	25 00	25 00	15 00	15 00	15 00	18 11	66 00	69 11	. . . .	3 11
Woodstock — Mt. Zion	4 00	4 00	2 00	2 00	15 00	17 13	15 00	10 00	5 00	5 00	41 00	38 13	2 87	. . . .
Woodstock — St. Luke	4 00	4 00	2 00	2 00	10 00	6 62	5 00	. . . .	5 00	5 00	26 00	17 62	8 38	. . . .
Middlebrook — Holy Trinity	5 00	5 00	4 00	2 46	20 00	16 79	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	49 00	44 25	4 75	. . . .
Middlebrook — St. Mark's	4 00	4 00	3 00	1 00	15 00	3 45	10 00	4 74	7 00	3 81	39 00	17 00	22 00	. . . .
Mt. Tabor	15 00	7 52	15 00	. . . .	60 00	24 06	40 00	. . . .	30 00	. . . .	160 00	31 58	128 42	. . . .
	$ 378 00	$ 359 55	$ 361 00	$ 301 95	$1482 00	$1130 22	$1505 00	$1660 40	$ 770 00	$ 588 38	$4496 00	$4040 50	$ 910 41	$ 457 91
Bal. on hand at last settlement		31 00		136 55		352 89		245 30		123 87		1143 85		
		$ 390 55		$ 438 50		$1482 61		$1905 70		$ 712 25		$5184 35		

EXPENDITURES.

AMOUNT EXPENDED FROM EDUCATIONAL FUND.

1893.	Dr.	
Sep. 5.	To amt. overpaid on former settlement	$ 3 31
Sep. 12.	To amt. paid Luther Hogshead, balance of last year	20 00
Sep. 12.	To amt. paid Luther Hogshead	30 00
Sep. 12.	To amt. paid R. A. Helms, Jr.	40 00
Sep. 22.	To amt. paid R. A. Helms, Jr., by Rev. C. A. Freed	9 00
Dec. 1.	To amt. paid W. G. Shenk	50 00
Dec. 29.	To amt. paid R. A. Helms, Jr.	25 00
Dec. 29.	To amt. paid Luther Hogshead	40 00
1894.		
Feb. 10.	To amt. paid R. A. Helms, Jr., balance in full	51 00
Feb. 15.	To amt. paid Luther Hogshead, balance in full	55 00
Feb. 19.	To amt. paid W. G. Shenk, balance in full	50 00
May 3.	To amt. paid W. G. Shenk, over paid	25 00
May 8.	To amt. paid J. J. Brubeck, balance in full	50 00
		$448 31

AMOUNT EXPENDED FROM FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

1893.	Dr.	
Sep. 7.	To amt. paid R. G. Chisolm, Treas. U. S., per L. K. Probst	$ 12 50
Oct. 10.	To amt. paid same	250 00
1894.		
Mar. 27.	To amt. paid same	83 04
Apr. 17.	To amt. paid same	53 50
May 19.	To amt. paid same, by Winchester—3 receipts	1125 00
Aug. 10.	To amt. paid same	125 00
Aug. 21.	To amt. to balance and due fund	165 66
		$1814 70

AMOUNT EXPENDED FROM HOME MISSION FUND.

1893.	Dr.	
Sep. 8.	To amt. paid H. E. Bailey, Churchville Mis.	$ 50 00
Sep. 9.	To amt. paid L. M. Sibole, Smithfield Mis., 1st qr.	18 75
Sep. 29.	To amt. paid A. H. Wilson, Harrisonb'rg Mis., 1st qr.	75 00
Oct. 10.	To amt. paid R. G. Chisolm, Treas. United Synod	200 00
Nov. 11.	To amt. paid L. M. Sibole, Smithfield Mis., 2d qr.	18 75
1894.		
Jan. 19.	To amt. paid A. H. Wilson, Harrisonb'rg Mis., 2d qr.	75 00
Mar. 24.	To amt. paid L. M. Sibole, Smithfield Mis., 3d qr.	18 75

Mar. 27.	To amt. paid R. G. Chisolm, Treas. United Synod	$125 72
Apr. 17.	To amt. paid same	107 94
May 19.	To amt. paid same, by Winchester	75 00
June 30.	To amt. paid A. H. Wilson, Harrisonb'rg Mis., 3d qr.	75 00
Aug. 3.	To amt. paid A. H. Wilson, Harrisonb'g Mis., 4th qr.	75 00
Aug. 6.	To amt. paid L. M. Sibole, Smithfield Mis., 4th qr.	18 75
Aug. 10.	To amt. paid R. G. Chisolm, Treas. United Synod	185 00
Aug. 21.	To amt. to balance and due fund	250 15
		$1368 81

AMOUNT EXPENDED FROM ORPHANAGE FUND.

1893.	Dr.	
Oct. 10.	To amt. paid H. S. Trout, Treasurer	$100 00
Dec. 21.	To amt. paid same	95 00
1894.		
Jan. 12.	To amt. paid same	205 00
Mar. 27.	To amt. paid same	65 00
June 27.	To amt. paid same	67 62
Aug. 18.	To amt. paid same	100 00
Aug. 21.	To amt. to balance and due fund	19 39
		$652 01

AMOUNT EXPENDED FROM SYNODICAL FUND.

1893.	Dr.	
Sep. 8.	To amt. paid L. L. Smith, Secretary, and expenses of office	$ 27 50
1894.		
Feb. 16.	To amt. paid Henkel & Co., on Minutes	50 00
Feb. 16.	To amt. paid H. S. Trout, Treas., interest on Seminary Loan to January 1, 1893	120 00
Apr. 13.	To amt. paid Henkel & Co., balance on Minutes	86 36
Aug. 18.	To amt. paid H. S. Trout, interest on Seminary Loan to January 1, 1894	120 00
Aug. 18.	To amt. paid for treasurer's book and postage on all matters	6 75
		$410 61

INVESTMENT OF SYNODICAL FOREIGN MISSIONARY FUND.

1893.	Dr.	
Sep. 12.	To amt. paid to M. Coffman, Treasurer of "The Shenandoah County Building and Loan Association," time certificate, for investment as per order of Synod, September 8, 1893	$133 08

SUMMARY OF ALL FUNDS,

Including Amount on Hand at Last Settlement and Amount Received from Auditing Committee.

1894.		Dr.	Cr.
Aug. 21.	By amt. rec'd for Beneficiary Education		$ 390 55
Aug. 21.	To amt. paid for same	$ 448 31	
Aug. 21.	By amt. rec'd for Foreign Missions		1905 70
Aug. 21.	To amt. paid for same	1649 04	
Aug. 21.	By amt. rec'd for Home Missions		1482 61
Aug. 21.	To amt. paid for same	1118 66	
Aug. 21.	By amt. rec'd for Orphans' Home		712 25
Aug. 21.	To amt. paid for same	632 62	
Aug. 21.	By amt. rec'd for Pastors' Fund		115 26
Aug. 21.	To amt. paid for same		
Aug. 21.	By amt. rec'd for Synodical Fund		438 50
Aug. 21.	To amt. paid for same	410 61	
Aug. 21.	By amt. rec'd for Syn. For. Miss. Fund		139 48
Aug. 21.	To amt. paid for same	133 08	
Aug. 21.	To amt. due different funds by Treas	792 03	
		$5184 35	$5184 35

1894.	Cr.	
Aug. 21.	To amt. due all funds by Treasurer	$ 792 03

Respectfully submitted,

L. S. WALKER, Treasurer.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

President—Rev. J. M. Shreckhise.

Secretary—Rev. L. L. Smith.

Treasurer—L. S. Walker, Esq.

Adjourned. Benediction by the President.

SECOND SESSION.

St. Paul's Church, Strasburg, Va.,
August 22, 1894, 2 P. M.

Synod convened. Prayer by Rev. Asa Richard. Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

Rev. C. E. Keller, of the Maryland Synod, was received as an advisory member.

The following report was read and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The customary and regular certificate of Rev. J. W. Strickler, of the Synod of Southwestern Virginia, placed into the hands of your committee, has been carefully examined, and the following action recommended:

Resolved, That this brother be now regularly received into full connection with this body, and that we extend to him a cordial welcome, and ask that God's blessing may attend his labors.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. SNYDER,
W. J. SMITH,
H. F. SHEALY,
L. G. M. MILLER,
J. M. SHRECKHISE,
COMMITTEE.

The President announced the following Standing Committees:

No. 1. *President's Report.*—Revs. C. H. Rocky, J. A. Flickinger, and Dr. R. F. Davis.

No. 2. *Secretary's Report.*—Revs. Asa Richard, L. M. Sibole, and Mr. Wm. Miller.

No. 3. *Treasurer's Report.*—Messrs. S. T. Shenk, W. C. Alther, and M. McKee.

No. 4. *Apportionment and Appropriations.*—L. S. Walker, Rev. W. J. Smith, and Rev. P. J. Wade.

No. 5. *Minutes of Last Synod.*—Revs. J. A. Snyder, C. N. A. Yonce, and Mr. S. R. Hoover.

No. 6. *State of the Church.*—Revs. W. B. Oney, H. E. Baily, and Mr. P. E. Hauff.

No. 7. *Literary Institutions.*—Revs. H. F. Shealy, D. P. T. Crickenberger, and Prof. F. W. Hamer.

No. 8. *Vacant Congregations.*—Revs. A. J. Bushong, C. H. Rocky, and Mr. J. W. Engleman.

No. 9. *Church Literature.*—Revs. E. L. Folk, W. J. Smith, and Mr. J. F. Crigler.

No. 10. *Letters and Petitions.*—Revs. D. P. T. Crickenberger, D. M. Files, and Mr. C. A. Shanon.

No. 11. *Minutes of Conference.*—Revs. L. G. M. Miller, C. A. Freed, and Mr. C. H. Cline.

No. 12. *Devotional Exercises.*—Officers of Synod and Pastor Loci.

On motion, the Parochial Reports were ordered to be handed to the Secretary to be tabulated.

REPORTS FOR EACH CONGREGATION.

Resolved, That each pastor be required to report each congregation of his pastorate separately, and that such report be made to the next meeting of Synod for the statistical table.

WAYNESBORO CHURCH.

On motion, Mr. Philip Killian, of Waynesboro, have the courtesy of the floor to speak of the interest of the church at Waynesboro.

REPORTS ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Reports on the State of Religion in the congregations were read by the pastors.

Resolved, The sessions of Synod be from 9 A. M. to 12 M., and from 2 P. M. to 4.30 P. M.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. J. A. Flickinger.

THIRD SESSION.

St. Paul's Church, Strasburg, Va.,
August 23, 1894, 9 A. M.

Synod convened. Prayer by Rev. Ed. L. Folk. Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

On motion, Candidates R. A. Helms, Luther Hogshead, W. G. Shenk, and E. A. Shenk be invited to seats within the bar of Synod.

PUBLICATION INTERESTS.

On motion, Mr. H. S. Boner, Superintendent of the Lutheran Publication House, Philadelphia, Pa., was invited to address the Synod, and he made an instructive and helpful address.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

On motion, Rev. Prof. W. G. Campbell, of Irving Female College, Pennsylvania, Rev. Prof. F. V. N. Painter, of Roa-

noke College, Rev. L. K. Probst, Secretary of the Board of Missions of the United Synod, and Rev. P. C. Wike, of the Tennessee Synod, were elected advisory members of this body.

EXCUSED.

On motion, Rev. C. N. A. Yonce was excused after Friday evening's session; Rev. Ed. L. Folk and Mr. W. C. Alther were excused after Saturday morning's session; Rev. J. A. Flickinger was excused after Friday's session.

PLACE AND TIME OF NEXT CONVENTION.

St. Matthew's church, New Market, Va., (Rev. Jos. A. Snyder, pastor), was chosen as the place, and Tuesday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1895, as the time.

Prayer by Rev. J. A. Snyder.

FOURTH SESSION.

St. Paul's Church, Strasburg, Va.,
August 23, 1894, 2 P. M.

Synod convened. Prayer by Rev. H. E. Baily. Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

The Reports on the State of the Church were read by the Lay-Delegates.

The following report was read and adopted:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 2—ON SECRETARY'S REPORT.

We your committee have examined the Secretary's Report, and find he has faithfully discharged the duties of his office, and in accordance with his suggestion recommend, 1st. That the Secretary be instructed to return the thanks of this body to Mr. C. O. Scull, General Passenger Agent of P. & O. R. R., for reduced rates to this convention of Synod. 2d. That an order be granted the Secretary for the sum of $2.00 for expenses of the work of his office.

Respectfully submitted,

ASA RICHARD,
L. M. SIBOLE,
WM. MILLER,
Committee.

The following report was read, amended, and adopted :

REPORT OF BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

The Board of Church Extension has had no work in charge this year. There has been practically nothing done. The Board was called together but one time. The object of this meeting was to consider an appeal for help from the newly organized congregation at Waynesboro, Va. An appeal, stating the circumstances, was sent to all the congregations in the Synod. There was practically no response. The Board would recommend that this congregation be encouraged in the erection of a church building.

We submit herewith the Report of the Treasurer of this Board.

C. C. BERRY, TREASURER OF THE
BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

		CR.	
1893.			
Sept.	5.	Balance on hand	$ 1 10
Sept.	11.	By cash from Aurora congregation	10 00
Sept.	11.	By cash from Madison	26 00
Nov.	1.	By cash from Rev. J. E. Shenk, Treas. So. Conference	10 63
1894.			
May	28.	By cash from Churchville	2 75
June	22.	By cash from Aurora, Rev. S. L. Keller	5 00
July	18.	By cash from Richmond	5 00
			$60 48

		DR.	
1893.			
Oct.	24.	To cash paid for recording deed of trust	$ 2 25
1894.			
May	26.	To cash paid on note, Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Buena Vista	25 00
June		Postage on envelopes, &c	1 00
			$28 25
		Balance on hand	$32 23

H. F. SHEALY,
J. E. SHENK,
C. C. BERRY,
R. F. DAVIS,
ABSALOM KOINER,
T. J. COOPER,
J. H. ZITTLE.

The following report was read, considered by items, and adopted:

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE AND ADVISORY BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The Board was called together as early as was convenient after the meeting of Synod. An organization was effected by electing a chairman, secretary, and treasurer. Six meetings have been held during the year, and all the duties that devolved upon the Board promptly discharged.

RESOLUTION.

The resolution, found at the bottom of page 38 of Minutes of Synod, offering to assume the support of Rev. J. A. B. Scherer, Missionary in Japan, was communicated to the Mission Board of the United Synod, but the proposition was declined. The Board thought it would hinder rather than encourage the work.

BUENA VISTA.

After repeated efforts to secure a missionary for this point, running through nearly six months, the Board, at a meeting held on January 15, called Rev. J. W. S. Sheppard temporarily to visit there and preach twice a month. The call was accepted, and for economical and other considerations, this arrangement was permitted to stand till June 1st. At the solicitation of the congregation, on May 3d, the Board called Rev. Sheppard to become permanent pastor, beginning his work as such June 1st. He is now there, and reports the work as encouraging.

HARRISONBURG.

The missionary, Rev. C. N. A. Yonce, who has served this mission so acceptably for several years, reports the work in a very encouraging condition. The growth of the work, both of the congregation and Sunday-school during the year, seems to have been quite satisfactory.

FINANCES.

The Board has had sufficient funds to meet all its financial obligations. The offerings of the Sunday-schools for the Home Mission work, the only source of revenue, have been encouraging, especially when we consider the great financial depression that has extended through the entire year. There are many of our Sunday-schools, however, which we are very sorry to say, have made no response to the appeals of the mission cause; and some few prominent ones too.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

The Board would recommend:

1. That the work be continued at Buena Vista.
2. That the Synod appropriate $300 to Harrisonburg this year.

3. That some arrangement be made for services at Browntown and Front Royal at least once a month during this year, and that Sunday-school work be organized at these points.

4. That Sunday-school work be organized in all congregations of this Synod where such is not the case already.

Respectfully submitted,

H. F. SHEALY,
W. B. ONEY,
G. W. KOINER,
C. C. BERRY.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF EXECUTIVE AND ADVISORY BOARD OF MISSIONS.

EXECUTIVE AND ADVISORY BOARD OF MISSIONS,
IN ACCOUNT WITH C. C. BERRY, TREASURER.

1893.		CR.	
Oct.	3.	By cash from H. Baetjer, Treasurer	$125 37
Dec.	1.	By cash from Emmanuel S. S., Woodstock,	26 10
Dec.	1.	By cash from New Haven S. S., New Haven, W. Va	5 50
Dec.	4.	By cash from Christ S. S., Staunton, Va. .	29 00
Dec.	12.	By cash from Trinity S. S., Stephen's City.	10 00
Dec.	13.	By cash from St. Peter's S. S., Tom's Brook	18 00
Dec.	13.	By cash from Emmanuel S. S., Woodstock	1 10
Dec.	19.	By cash from Sunday-school, Richmond. .	10 00
1894.			
Jan.	2.	By cash from Grace S. S., Winchester . . .	39 32
Jan.	17.	By cash from Aurora Sunday-school . . .	7 80
July	3.	By cash from Bethlehem S. S., Basic City .	5 18
July	10.	By cash from Melanchthon Chapel, Salem pastorate.	12 72
July	10.	By cash from St. James' S. S., Mt. Sidney .	5 10
July	12.	By cash from St. Paul's S. S., Strasburg . .	10 00
July	12.	By cash from St. James' S. S., Waynesboro pastorate	4 46
July	16.	By cash from Waynesboro S. S., Basic City pastorate	2 33
July	16.	By cash from Frieden's S. S., Rev. W. J. Strickler	3 71
July	20.	By cash from St. Peter's S. S., Rev. Wade .	3 67
July	20.	By cash from North River Sunday-school .	2 32
July	20.	By cash from St. James' S. S., Rev. Wade .	1 80
July	20.	By cash from Mt. Moriah S. S., Rev. Wade.	1 12
July	23.	By cash from Salem S. S., Rev. W. B. Oney	9 19
July	23.	By cash from Melanchthon Chapel S. S . .	1 10

July	23.	By cash from St. James' S. S., Mt. Sidney .	$ 1 00
July	23.	By cash from St. John's S. S., Rock. past .	2 23
July	23.	By cash from Holy Trinity S. S., Middlebrook	5 00
Aug.	4.	By cash from Bethany S. S., Rev. Shreckhise	4 38
Aug.	4.	By cash from Lebanon Sunday-school . . .	10 45
Aug.	4.	By cash from Gravel Springs S. S., Rev. W. J. Smith	16 00
Aug.	4.	By cash from St. James' S. S., Rev. Smith .	5 00
Aug.	4.	By cash from St. John's S. S., Rev. Smith .	15 00
Aug.	4.	By cash from Fremont S. S., Rev. Smith. .	4 00
Aug.	4.	By cash from Bethel S. S., Rev. W. J. Smith	10 00
Aug.	4.	By cash from Churchville S. S., Rev. Bailey	3 50
Aug.	13.	By cash from St. Mark's S. S., Rev. Freed .	11 05
Aug.	13.	By cash from Hebron S. S., Rev. P. J. Wade	1 00
Aug.	13.	By cash from Melanchthon Chapel, Rev. W. B. Oney	25
Aug.	14.	By cash from St. Paul's S. S., Lebanon past.	15 20
			$438 95

Dr.

1893.			
Nov.	23.	To cash paid for book	$ 30
Nov.	23.	To cash paid Stoneburner & Prufer for printing, &c.	5 35
Nov.	23.	To cash paid for postage and envelopes	92
1894.			
Jan.	6.	To cash paid Rev. J. W. S. Sheppard	10 00
Jan.	20.	To cash paid Rev. J. W. S. Sheppard	10 00
Feb.	3.	To cash paid Rev. J. W. S. Sheppard	10 00
Feb.	17.	To cash paid Rev. J. W. S. Sheppard	10 00
Mar.	15.	To cash paid Rev. J. W. S. Sheppard	10 00
April	5.	To cash paid Rev. J. W. S. Sheppard	10 00
April	10.	To cash paid Rev. J. W. S. Sheppard	10 00
April	24.	To cash paid Rev. J. W. S. Sheppard	10 00
April	30.	To cash paid for postage, envelopes, &c.	68
May	9.	To cash paid Rev. J. W. S. Sheppard	10 00
May	18.	To cash paid Rev. J. W. S. Sheppard	10 00
June	12.	To cash paid Rev. J. W. S. Sheppard	15 00
June	19.	To cash paid Rev. H. F. Shealy, expenses to Buena Vista	3 00
June	21.	To cash paid Stoneburner & Prufer for printing envelopes	7 40
July	4.	To cash paid Rev. J. W. S. Sheppard, in full of salary for June	18 33
July	12.	To cash paid Rev. L. L. Smith	4 00
July	26.	To cash paid Rev. J. W. S. Sheppard, in full of salary for July	33 34

Aug. 16.	To cash paid Rev. J. W. S. Sheppard, in full of salary for August	$33 33
Aug. 20.	To cash paid for postage, &c	1 00
		$222 65
	Balance	$216 30

Committee to Audit Treasurer's Report of Board of Missions:—Dr. R. F. Davis and L. S. Walker.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION RE-ELECTED.

The present Board was re-elected for two years, see names in calendar.

SPECIAL ORDER.

The special order, an address by Rev. L. K. Probst, was made, and the interest of Norfolk considered, pending adjournment.

On motion, Rev. S. P. Hughes, of the Susquehannah Synod, was made an advisory member of Synod.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. C. A. Freed.

FIFTH SESSION.

St. Paul's Church, Strasburg, Va.,
August 24, 1894, 9 A. M.

Synod convened. Prayer by Rev. P. J. Wade. Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

On motion, President Julius D. Dreher, of Roanoke College, was elected an advisory member of Synod.

NORFOLK.

The pending question at adjournment being the consideration of aiding the Norfolk Mission, the following action was taken and adopted:

Resolved, That the roll be called for some specific amount for Norfolk from ministers and congregations, the amount pledged to be paid each year for three years: It being distinctly understood that said pledges are to be in addition to the apportionments to the respective congregations for other work.

PLEDGES FOR $2,500—FOR 3 YEARS.

Rev. J. M. Shreckhise	$ 10 00
Rev. J. A. Flickinger	50 00
Rev. A. A. J. Bushong	50 00
Rev. L. G. M. Miller	150 00
Rev. W. J. Smith	10 00
Rev. Wm. B. Oney	10 00
Rev. C. H. Rocky	50 00
Rev. Ed. L. Folk	50 00
Rev. S. L. Keller	33 33
Rev. H. F. Shealy	100 00
Rev. Asa Richard	25 00
Rev. P. J. Wade	5 00
Rev. C. A. Freed	10 00
Rev. J. E. Shenk	33 33
Rev. J. W. Strickler	20 00
Mr. Philip Killian	33 33

Resolved, That the pledges taken stand, and be paid yearly to the Treasurer of the Board of Missions of this Synod, and that said Board use earnest effort to raise the supplementary amount to make the full amount $2,500 needed for the three years, and that especially they make an effort in the congregations not pledging any amount in the total taken at this convention.

The following report was read by Prof. F. V. N. Painter, Secretary of the South View Orphanage, and unanimously adopted:

REPORT ON THE SOUTH VIEW ORPHAN HOME.

It gives me pleasure to report that your Orphan Home is in an excellent condition. It has carried on all departments of its work the past year; and notwithstanding the stringency of the times, the means have been provided to meet its expenses. There are at present eleven children in the Home, and the Executive Committee has recently given favorable consideration to another applicant, thus increasing the number to twelve. Other applications await consideration.

The matron, Mrs. Amanda Davison, and the teacher, Miss Bettie Davison, have performed their duties faithfully and well. A beautiful home-like atmosphere pervades the Orphanage, and the children are like brothers and sisters. They have made satisfactory progress in their studies. Besides receiving regular instruction in the catechism, they attend Sunday-school at St. Mark's, at Roanoke. They help in the work of the house and the garden, and are thus trained to habits of industry. The gardener, Mr. C. R. Stevens, besides keeping the

grounds in order, has raised vegetables both for the Home and for market. In this way the garden has in some measure been a source of income.

The health of the children has generally been good. No contagious disease has made its appearance among them. The 15th of last February a sad accident cast a deep gloom over the Home. Little Harry Waddle, of Wytheville, was so seriously burned that he died a few hours afterwards. He lies buried on the property at an elevated spot selected by the Executive Committee as the burial-ground of the Home. Through the gift of $5 by Mr. Henry S. Boner, the grave will soon be marked by a suitable stone.

There is continual evidence of the fact that the Home is becoming more firmly established in the thought and affection of our people. As will be seen by referring to the catalogue, all of our district Synods have given the Home official recognition, and have made provision for contributing to its support. It is hoped that they will all be able, at an early day, to appropriate a fixed sum to the Orphan work, and enlist the Sunday-schools more generally in this charity. The Virginia Synod and the Holston Synod have for two years appropriated definite sums ; and the Southwest Virginia Synod, at its recent meeting, appropriated $350 to this work for the coming year. With co-operation and systematic effort, it will not be difficult to maintain an excellent Home sufficient to meet all the wants of our Southern Church.

The Home is being administered with rigid economy. The cost for each child will be brought this year within $100—a lower figure than similar institutions usually report. As the number of children increases, this cost will be still further reduced. With gifts of flour, meal, meat, groceries, and dry goods, the outlay of money can be considerably diminished.

The generous support given the Home by the Virginia Synod is again gratefully mentioned. Besides donations of books and clothing, the Home has received from your treasurer and individuals living within your bounds for the year ending August 18, 1894, the amount of $620.26. Without this liberal support, the Home could not have been carried on without running into serious debt. The Virginia Synod is nobly standing by this work at the critical period of its establishment.

Information has come to us that during the past year the Home has been liberally remembered in a will. This is the third bequest, of which the Home has information. As the years go by, we may look for a considerable endowment to be accumulated in this way. And to what better purpose can money be given than to help the fatherless poor to fit themselves for lives of usefulness in society and the church?

F. V. N. PAINTER, SECRETARY.

Committee to Nominate Board of Missions: Revs. J. A. Snyder and C. H. Rocky.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. W. B. Oney.

SIXTH SESSION.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, STRASBURG, VA.,
AUGUST 24, 1894, 2 P. M.

Synod convened. Prayer by Rev. J. W. Strickler. Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

WAYNESBORO MISSION.

Commissioner Killian made a statement about the needs of the mission at Waynesboro, and the following action was adopted:

Resolved, That the Synod has heard with pleasure the statement of Commissioner Killian about the Waynesboro church and its needs, and that the needs of said mission be referred to the Executive and Advisory Board of Missions to carefully consider the same, and devise means, if possible, to aid said mission.

The following report was read, considered by items, and adopted as a whole:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. 1.—ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

The Report of the President is a full and business-like statement of his official acts during the interim of Synod. It bears testimony to the many evidences of God's favor and abundant blessings upon the churches of our territory, large additions having been made to the membership of many of the congregations and a gratifying development of the spirit of benevolence among our people. He calls attention to the removal from the bounds of our Synod of our former president, Rev. G. W. Spiggle, and gives a worthy tribute to his exalted Christian character and his efficiency as a minister of the Gospel of Christ.

During the year there have been six resignations, though but one letter of dismission granted to another synod, and one member received from another synod, four calls accepted, and five installation services held.

We recommend:

First, That all the official acts of the President be approved, and the thanks of Synod be extended him for his earnest and thorough work, and the wise administration of the affairs of Synod during the past year.

Second, That we do hereby acknowledge the goodness and favor of Almighty God upon us during the year, in the outpouring of his Holy Spirit, in the constant bestowal of divine benediction, and in leading us to larger things: and invoke his continued blessings upon us during the coming year in still larger measure.

Third, The President presents to us a petition from the joint council of the Strasburg charge, heartily approved by the two congregations comprising the charge, praying that Synod confirm their action in the separation of these two congregations. We recommend: 1st, that the request of the petitioners be granted; and that, 2d, the church be referred to the Committee on Vacancies.

Fourth, Our attention has been called by the President to the failure of some of our missionaries to submit the proper officials quarterly reports of their work as required by the Board, and asks that some rule be established governing the officials in the payment of the quarterly salaries to the missionaries.

We regard it of prime importance that the Synodical Board be kept fully acquainted with the actual condition of the missions of our Synod, and we therefore recommend, 1st, that each missionary receiving aid from this Synod be required to present a report of his work and the condition of his church or churches to the Synodical Mission Board at the end of each quarter; and, 2d, that the quarterly allowance shall be made to the missionary when such report has been officially approved by the Board.

Fifth, The President also calls our attention to the unwise formation of many of the pastorates of Synod, and urges Synod most earnestly to take some action looking to the adjustment of such charges. We recommend that the officers of Synod be constituted a committee having this matter in charge.

Sixth, Another item in the report deserving our attention is that referring to our Book of Worship, the meagerness in its hymnology, and its excessive cost, rendering the book not entirely satisfactory to the church, and hindering its general distribution among all our people. We would add also the fact there is a growing demand for a Book of Worship in our Southern church, containing not only an adequate collection of hymns, but a book containing hymns and tunes combined. We recommend that the Virginia Synod present an overture to the United Synod, praying that the United Synod, at its next session, carefully consider the advisability and practicability of secur-

ing a revised Book of Worship with tunes—the same to be the publication of The Lutheran Publication House.

C. H. ROCKY,
J. A. FLICKINGER,
R. F. DAVIS.

The following report was read and adopted :

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 8.—ON VACANT CONGREGATIONS.

Your Committee on Vacant Congregations report the following congregations vacant : Mt. Tabor, Augusta county ; Brandonville, West Virginia ; and Trinity church, Stephen's City, Virginia.

We, the committee, recommend that the President of Synod co-operate with these vacant congregations in securing pastors as soon as practicable. Respectfully submitted,

A. A. J. BUSHONG,
C. H. ROCKY,
J. W. ENGLEMAN,

ROANOKE COLLEGE.

The following resolution was read and unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That we regard with deep sympathy and admiration the self-denying toils and efforts of our brethren in the Faculty of Roanoke College, and that we sincerely appreciate, to some degree at least, the many difficulties with which they have to contend by reason of State competition and otherwise. We feel that our churches should endeavor to do more for the support and advancement of this institution, since it has done and is doing so indispensable a part in securing to our Church in the South an educated ministry. We do, therefore, renewedly commend Roanoke College to our ministry and people, and earnestly urge upon them the serious importance of more actively co-operating with it in the securing of both students and money for its various operations.

Dr. Dreher read the report of the College by invitation of Synod.

On motion, Rev. A. G. Link, of the Presbyterian church, was invited to a seat within the bar of Synod.

The following report was read and adopted :

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 5—ON MINUTES OF LAST YEAR.

On page 25. Is the Committee on New Constitution ready to report? Answer, yes.

On page 27. Did the Secretary purchase a new record book? Answer, no.

On page 31. Did the Treasurer invest "Foreign Missionary Fund" in Shenandoah County Building Association stock? Answer, yes.

On page 40. Did Rev. L. L. Smith supply Browntown? Answer, yes. Respectfully submitted,

J. A. SNYDER,
C. N. A. YONCE,
S. R. HOOVER.

The following report was read and adopted:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 12—ON MINUTES OF CONFERENCES.

The minutes of both conferences have been examined, and your committee would submit the following:

I. POTOMAC CONFERENCE.

The officers of this conference are: Rev. A. A. J. Bushong, President; Rev. E. L. Folk, Secretary; and Rev. J. A. Snyder, Treasurer.

The conference has met twice within the past year: October 24, 1893, in St. Mark's church, Forestville; and May 15, 1894, in Bethel church, Gravel Springs pastorate.

The conference had full attendance of ministers and lay-delegates. The next meeting will be held at Uvilla in the Shepherdstown pastorate, on Tuesday before full moon in October.

II. SOUTHERN CONFERENCE.

This conference held two sessions during the past year. The first session was held at St. Peter's church, Churchville, October 10, 1893; the second, May 22, in Holy Trinity church, Middlebrook. The attendance of ministers and lay-delegates was very creditable.

Rev. D. P. Crickenberger, President; Rev. C. A. Freed, Secretary; and Rev. J. E. Shenk, Treasurer, are the officers of this conference.

The next meeting will be held in Salem church, Salem pastorate, beginning Tuesday night before the full moon in October.

NOTES.

1. A fact, worthy of note, seems to be that none of the lay-delegates participated heartily in the subjects discussed. The questions were vital and discussions profitable.

2. The minutes of both conferences have been well kept by the secretaries. Respectfully submitted,

L. G. M. MILLER,
C. A. FREED,
C. H. CLINE.

The following report was read and adopted:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 9—CHURCH LITERATURE.

As Committee on Church Literature we respectfully urge upon our ministers:

1. To increase their efforts and endeavors to place a copy of some one of the church papers in each Lutheran family in their pastorates.

2. To statedly and regularly set before the people each year the necessity of increased interest on part of the people in the circulation of wholesome religious literature.

ED. L. FOLK,
W. J. SMITH,
J. F. CRIGLER,
COMMITTEE.

NEW CONSTITUTION.

Resolved, That the consideration of the Report of the Committee on a New Constitution be made the first order of business after the organization, at the next annual convention.

The following report was read and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE THE REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE EXECUTIVE AND ADVISORY BOARD OF MISSIONS.

We have examined the report of the said treasurer and the vouchers filed on the debit sides of his account, and find the debit sides correct. There were no vouchers filed to show whether or not the figures on the credit sides were correct, but as the report was read in open Synod, and no objections filed, we presume that the credit sides of his account are correct. We find that there is a balance in his hands of $216.30.

Respectfully submitted,
L. S. WALKER,
R. F. DAVIS,
COMMITTEE.

BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The following report was read and adopted:

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

Your committee, appointed to nominate an Executive and Advisory Board of Missions, report the following nominations: Rev. H. F. Shealy, Rev. W. B. Oney, Rev. C. N. A. Yonce, Hon. G. W. Koiner, and C. C. Berry, Esq.

Submitted,
C. H. ROCKY,
J. A. SNYDER.

The following report was read, amended, and adopted:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 3—ON TREASURER'S REPORT.

Your committee, to whom was referred the Report of the Treasurer, submit the following:

We have carefully examined the report of Mr. L. S. Walker, Treasurer of the Virginia Synod, find the same well kept, and are thoroughly satisfied that it is correct. We find a balance of $483.92 in the treasury.

We further recommend the following:

1. That the table, as furnished by the Treasurer, be printed in the Minutes of Synod instead of his account, and that said Treasurer be required to insert in said table the amount as received by the Auditing Committee.

2. That the Treasurer be instructed to reimburse himself out of first moneys coming in for Beneficiary Education, and the President be requested to try to secure the back payments from congregations not having paid. Respectfully submitted,

S. T. SHANK,
MAYBERRY McKEE,
W. C. ALTHER.

Rev. H. F. Shealy read the report of Staunton Female Seminary.

EXCUSED.

Mr. Philip Killian, of Waynesboro, Va., was excused after this session.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. Prof. F. V. N. Painter.

SEVENTH SESSION.

St. Paul's Church, Strasburg, Va.,
August 25, 1894, 9 A. M.

Synod convened. Prayer by Rev. L. M. Sibole. Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

The following report was read and adopted:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 6—ON STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Another milestone in life's journey and work has been reached. The record of another year has been made. Our sorrows and joys,

our encouragements and discouragements have entered into the record of our checkered life. The work of the past year has been done or left undone by us and our people, and by this record we must be judged in that day when the secrets of all hearts shall be revealed.

From the reports of the brethren on the state of religion in their respective charges, there seems to be a commendable degree of zeal and activity among the congregations of this Synod.

Many of the congregations are striving to measure up to the true standard of Christian discipleship—doing what they find to do with their might, remembering that there is no device, wisdom, nor knowledge in the grave whither we go.

Many of the brethren report increased numbers to their membership. What an opportunity for increased activity on the part of the pastors and older members of the congregations to truly direct the active forces of these young disciples in channels of usefulness for the Master.

The death angel has also been busy mowing down not only the old, but the young, and gathering those who are ripe for the Master's use, in heaven. These vacant places must be filled with consecrated talent, so that God's church may move on to the salvation of those who are without.

Increased attention seems to have been given all departments of the church's legitimate work—Sunday-schools, finances, benevolence, catechisation, &c., have all received due consideration. A good per cent. of the membership of our congregations are ready to heartily respond, out of love for Christ, to the sanctified leadership of a godly and consecrated ministry.

Grasping with full hearts and minds the experiences of the past, and reaching forward with a consecrated manhood to the duties of the future, we may truly "thank God and take courage," striving to bring all our people up to the help of the Lord.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. ONEY,
H. E. BAILY,
P. E. HOUFF.

On motion, Rev. J. M. Graybill, of the Maryland Synod, was received as an advisory member.

MEMORIAL SERVICES.

On motion, the Synod at 2 p. m. this day proceed to the grave of the late Rev. Dr. Campbell, and held memorial services in memory of Revs. Levi Keller, J. H. Cupp, and Dr. J. F. Campbell, whose graves are in the graveyard adjoining this church.

The following report was read and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. 7.—ON LITERARY INSTITUTIONS.

Your Committee on Literary Institutions would offer the following report: A report has been placed in our hands with regard to Roanoke College; also one of the Staunton Female Seminary. These reports were both read before Synod.

ROANOKE COLLEGE.

We are glad to notice a slight increase in the attendance at Roanoke the past session, notwithstanding the financial depression. The moral and religious influences of the college are especially to be commended. We notice also with much gratification the excellent deportment and high standing of the students as reported by President Dreher.

There has been some increase of the endowment fund. The steady growth in this line, the enlargement of the library, and other improvements and increased facilities for work place Roanoke abreast of the times in the great cause of Christian education.

The report of the President, emphasizing the great importance of deeper interest and more hearty co-operation on the part of the Virginia Synod in the work of the College, should receive our most serious consideration.

STAUNTON FEMALE SEMINARY.

It is exceedingly gratifying to notice the steady growth and general improvement in the work of this excellent institution situated in our midst. Especially would we notice the solid financial condition of the Seminary.

In view of the importance of female education, and the education of our daughters in our own schools; and in view of the fact that this excellent institution is situated in the midst of our own Synod,—

Resolved, That this Synod commend this school to the patronage and hearty co-operation of all the people and congregations of the Synod; and that we assure Prof. Willis of our interest and sympathy in his work.

Respectfully submitted,

H. F. SHEALY,
D. P. T. CRICKENBERGER,
F. W. HAMER.

MINUTES.

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to have seventeen hundred copies of the Minutes of Synod printed and distributed.

THANKS.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod are due and hereby tendered St. Paul's congregation and friends for their kind hospitality shown us; and to their efficient pastor for his successful efforts to make our sojourn here pleasant and profitable; and to all for the large and attentive congregations present at the sessions of Synod; and to the choir for their most excellent music which they have rendered.

Resolved, That the sincere gratitude of this Synod be tendered our Treasurer, L. S. Walker, for the faithful and efficient discharge of the onerous and responsible duties of his office.

Adjourned. Benediction by the President.

EIGHTH SESSION.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, STRASBURG, VA.,
AUGUST 25, 1894, 2 P. M.

Synod convened. Prayer by Rev. W. B. Oney. Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

MEMORIAL SERVICES.

The Synod executed the special order, and, in a body, proceeded to the graveyard, where hymn — was sung and prayer offered by Rev. J. M. Graybill, of the Maryland Synod.

RICHMOND DEBT.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That should the Executive Board of Missions of the United Synod effect a sale of the Richmond church property, that said Board pay the two thousand dollars that this Synod has in that property over to H. S. Trout, Treasurer of Seminary Fund of the United Synod.

The following report was read, considered by items, and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. 10—LETTERS AND PETITIONS.

We, your committee to whom were referred letters and petitions, respectfully submit the following:

(1) A petition from Mt. Pisgah Evangelical Lutheran Church, Mad-

ison county, Virginia, properly drawn and signed, praying this body for admission into the Virginia Synod of the United Synod of the South. We recommend that this petition be granted.

(2) An oral petition through Bro. Philip Killian who was duly elected commissioner from Waynesboro Evangelical Lutheran congregation and empowered to act for them—praying admission into the Virginia Synod of the United Synod of the South. We recommend that this petition be granted.

(3) A letter from Bro. P. L. Miller, of the New Haven pastorate, stating that on account of the serious illness of one of his elders that he will be unable to be present with us, and begging to be excused from attendance upon the sessions of this Synod. We recommend that this brother be excused.

(4) A letter from Middleway congregation, signed by the council of that congregation, praying that the congregations at Gerardstown and Stone's Chapel be dropped from Smithfield pastorate, and that the Synod supplement Brother L. M. Sibole by the amount of $120 per year, and permit him to continue his labors as pastor at Middleway. We recommend that the Synod supplement Brother L. M. Sibole to the amount of $75.00 this synodical year, and that the matter of continuing services at Gerardstown and Stone's Chapel be referred to the officers of Synod to be acted upon according to their judgment.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

We recommend—

(1) That Brother R. B. Peery, our missionary in Japan, be excused from attendance upon the sessions of this convention of this Synod.

(2) That Brother J. C. Seegers be excused from attendance upon the sessions of this Synod.

(3) That Brother J. W. S. Sheppard be not excused for absence from the sessions of this convention of Synod.

(4) That the names of Revs. H. E. Ebeling and M. R. Minnich, who have for several years given no report and no support to Synod, and have offered no excuses for their absence from the conventions of Synod, and are engaged in secular business, be stricken from our roll.

Respectfully submitted,

D. P. T. CRICKENBERGER,
D. W. FILES,
C. A. SHANNON.

SPEAKERS FOR 1895.

Ordination—Rev. C. H. Rocky.
Missions—Rev. L. G. M. Miller, D. D.
Education—Rev. H. F. Shealy.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

The following standing resolutions were offered and adopted:

Resolved, That when a congregation becomes vacant and remains vacant until the meeting of Synod, that the council of said congregations collect and forward to the Treasurer the amount of money apportioned said congregation by Synod.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Synod, that on account of the relation the congregations sustain to this body, that the obligation to raise the amount apportioned each congregation is binding, and should be so recognized and acted upon as any other honest obligation.

The following report was read and adopted:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 4—APPROPRIATIONS AND APPORTIONMENTS.

Your Committee on Appropriations would recommend the following:

FROM BENEFICIARY FUND.

For W. G. Shenk	$ 125 00
For Luther Hogshead	150 00
	$ 275 00

FROM SYNODICAL FUND.

For printing and distributing Minutes	$ 90 00
For salary of Secretary and expenses of office	27 00
For new Record Book for Secretary	10 00
For one year's interest on Seminary Fund	120 00
	$ 247 00

FROM HOME MISSION FUND.

For Harrisonburg Mission	$ 300 00
For United Board for Home Missions	1050 00
	$1350 00

FROM ORPHANAGE FUND.

For South View Orphans' Home	$ 700 00

FROM FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

For United Synod for Foreign Missions	$ 750 00
For United Synod for Rev. R. B. Peery	750 00
	$1500 00

FROM PASTORS' FUND NOW ON HAND.

For Rev. L. M. Sibole	$ 75 00

APPORTIONMENTS.

PASTORATE.	Beneficiary Education.	Synodical Fund.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Orphans' Home.
Aurora	$ 16 00	$ 12 00	$ 65 00	$ 40 00	$ 40 00
Bethany	10 00	7 00	40 00	25 00	25 00
Brandonville	16 00	7 00	40 00	25 00	25 00
Basic City	16 00	6 00	25 00	20 00	20 00
Buena Vista	....	3 00	12 00	10 00	10 00
Bethlehem	....	3 00	8 00	5 00	5 00
Capon	8 00	6 00	32 00	20 00	20 00
Churchville	4 00	5 00	32 00	20 00	20 00
Gravel Springs	14 00	10 00	62 00	50 00	50 00
Harrisonburg	5 00	3 00	17 00	10 00	10 00
Lebanon	8 00	7 00	40 00	20 00	10 00
Madison	20 00	15 00	90 00	50 00	50 00
Mt. Jackson — X Roads	4 00	3 00	20 00	5 00	10 00
Mt. Jackson — Mt. Calvary	6 00	5 00	30 00	25 00	10 00
Mt. Jackson — Bethel	8 00	6 00	30 00	15 00	15 00
Mason	8 00	6 00	35 00	20 00	20 00
Middlebrook — Holy Trinity	5 00	3 00	20 00	10 00	10 00
Middlebrook — St. Mark's	4 00	2 00	15 00	10 00	7 00
Mt. Tabor	15 00	11 00	60 00	40 00	30 00
New Market — St. Matthew's	14 00	7 00	45 00	20 00	15 00
New Market — St. Mark's	8 00	2 00	14 00	10 00	10 00
New Market — St. Martin's	8 00	2 00	14 00	10 00	10 00
Richmond	5 00	5 00	20 00	15 00	10 00
Rockingham	7 00	5 00	24 00	15 00	15 00
Shepherdstown	35 00	30 00	140 00	60 00	60 00
Staunton	20 00	15 00	70 00	40 00	40 00
Strasburg	6 00	9 00	30 00	18 00	15 00
Stephen's City	4 00	5 00	20 00	12 00	10 00
Smithfield	4 00	2 00	12 00	10 00	7 00
Salem	10 00	7 00	45 00	30 00	15 00
Waynesboro	15 00	10 00	70 00	40 00	26 00
Winchester	50 00	50 00	225 00	750 00	110 00
Woodstock — Emmanuel	6 00	5 00	30 00	20 00	15 00
Woodstock — St. Peter's	6 00	4 00	25 00	15 00	15 00
Woodstock — Mt. Zion	4 00	2 00	15 00	15 00	5 00
Woodstock — St. Luke	4 00	1 00	10 00	5 00	5 00
	$ 373 00	$ 281 00	$1482 00	$1505 00	$ 770 00

Respectfully submitted,

L. S. WALKER,
W. J. SMITH,
P. J. WADE.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. J. M. Graybill.

L. L. SMITH,
Secretary of Evang. Lutheran Synod of Virginia.

MINUTES
OF THE
MINISTERIUM
OF THE
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF VIRGINIA.

FIRST SESSION.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, STRASBURG, VA.,
AUGUST 22, 1894.

Ministerium convened. Prayer by Rev. A. A. J. Bushong.

Candidates E. A. Shenk and D. W. Files applied for licensure, and their applications were referred to the Examining Committee.

Adjourned.

SECOND SESSION.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, STRASBURG, VA.,
AUGUST 25, 1894, 8 A. M.

Ministerium convened. Prayer by Rev. C. N. A. Yonce. Minutes read and approved.

A conference was held with applicants for beneficiary aid, and other matters were considered.

Adjourned. Benediction by the President.

THIRD SESSION.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, STRASBURG, VA.,
AUGUST 25, 1894, 11 A. M.

Ministerium convened. Prayer by Rev. J. A. Snyder.—Minutes read and approved.

The following report was read, considered by items, and adopted as a whole:

REPORT OF EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Your committee examined the diaries and sermons of Revs. P. L. Miller and W. D. Files, and recommend that their license be renewed for one year.

We recommend that E. A. Shenk be licensed for one year, and that he return to Theological Seminary on the first of January, 1895, and complete his course, if possible.

We also recommend that W. G. Shenk and Luther Hogshead be aided from our beneficiary fund for the ensuing year, the former, $125.00; the latter, $150.00.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. SNYDER,
W. J. SMITH,
J. M. SHRECKHISE,
H. F. SHEALY,
L. G. M. MILLER.

Adjourned. Benediction.

L. L. SMITH,
Secretary of Ministerium of Evang. Luth. Synod of Virginia.

DIVINE SERVICES.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, STRASBURG, VA.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 1894.

8.00 P. M.—Sermon. Rev. C. N. A. Yonce, Harrisonburg, Va.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22, 1894.

11.00 A. M.—Synodical communion. Sermon by Rev. J. M. Shreckhise, Moffatt's Creek, Va.

8.00 P. M.—Sermon. Rev. J. A. Flickinger, Madison C. H., Va.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23, 1894.

11.00 A. M.—Sermon. Rev. Prof. W. G. Campbell, of Irving Female College, Mechanicsburg, Pa.

8.00 P. M.—Address on Missions. Rev. L. K. Probst, Secretary of Board of Missions.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24, 1894.

8.00 P. M.—Addresses on Education. Rev. C. H. Rocky, Shepherdstown, W. Va., Dr. J. D. Dreher, of Roanoke College, and Rev. Prof. W. G. Campbell, of Irving Female College.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, 1894.

8.00 P. M.—Sermon. Rev. J. M. Graybill, of the Maryland Synod.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26, 1894.

11.00 A. M.—Sermon. Rev. C. H. Rocky, Shepherdstown, W. Va.

8.00 P. M.—Sermon. Rev. H. F. Shealy, Staunton, Va., followed by the licensure of Candidate E. A. Shenk.

3.30 P. M.—Sunday-school Services. Addresses by Rev. E. A. Shenk and Rev. Dr. L. G. M. Miller.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, STRASBURG, VA.

11.00 A. M.—Sermon. Rev. L. G. M. Miller, D. D., Winchester, Va.

8.00 P. M.—Sermon. Rev. D. P. Crickenberger, Waynesboro, Va.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH, STRASBURG, VA.

11.00 A. M.—Sermon. Rev. E. A. Shenk, Waynesboro, Va.

M. E. CHURCH SOUTH, STRASBURG, VA.

11.00 A. M.—Sermon. Rev. J. A. Snyder, New Market, Va.

8.00 P. M.—Sermon. Rev. S. L. Keller, Carmel, W. Va.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That the Treasurer is directed to correspond with any beneficiaries who have received aid from Synod in the prosecution of their studies, and who have abandoned their intention of entering the Ministry, and urge upon them in view of the pressing needs of Synod, the importance of refunding the amount of principal and interest due upon their bonds.

Resolved, That no application for clerical membership in this Synod, made by a minister who has been dismissed from another denomination, shall be entertained by the Ministerium, or Synod, unless his application be approved by at least three-fourths of the Ministerium, present at any regular or special convention thereof, and unless the candidate shall have received, and present for inspection a regular call from a pastorate or congregation under the jurisdiction of this body.

Resolved, That no minister shall be allowed to take charge of a pastorate or vacant church until the members thereof shall have satisfactorily settled their pecuniary obligations with their previous pastor.

Resolved, That every pastor be required to give a written report on the state of the church at our annual meetings.

Resolved, That, in the reception of lay-delegates at the organization of Synod, a written certificate be required, signed by the pastor and secretary of the council.

FORM FOR REPORTS ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

I. Activity in Christian Work.
II. Attendance on Service.
III. Benevolence.
IV. Sunday-schools.
V. Catechisation.
VI. Finances.
VII. Church Property.
VIII. Education.
IX. Church Literature.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF VIRGINIA.

PASTOR'S NAME.	PASTORATES.	PAROCHIAL.																BENEVOLENCE.						
					LOSSES			ACCESSIONS.						FINANCES.										
		Churches.	Stations.	Prayer Meetings.	Death.	Certificate.	Excommunication.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Certificate.	Restoration.	Communicant Membership.	Estimated Value of Church Property.	Indebtedness.	Local Expenses for All Objects.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Beneficiary Education.	Woman's Miss. Soc.	Orphans' Home.	External Objects.
S. L. Keller	Aurora	5	1	1	5	.	.	20	1	10	2	.	508	$ 9 000	$150 00	$780 00	$16 00	$ 25 61	$ 15 00	$16 00	. . .	$40 00	. . .
J. M. Shreckhise	Bethany	2	1	1	.	.	.	3	1	1	.	.	155	2 000	. . . .	400 00	4 00	6 00	7 00	10 00	. . .	8 00	50 00
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E. A. Shenk	Basic City	1	1	1	1	1	2	7	6	13	3	.	150	3 000	. . . .	625 00	4 00	10 00	10 00	10 83	. . .	6 47	10 00
J. W. S. Sheppard	Buena Vista	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	25	. . . .	. . . .	. . .	. . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .
P. J. Wade	Capon	5	.	4	4	6	.	9	48	22	1	.	320	5 000	. . . .	550 00	8 00	32 00	13 00	8 00	. . .	20 00	. . .
H. E. Bailey	Churchville	3	1	.	3	1	.	3	8	.	1	1	86	2 400	. . . .	312 00	8 00	16 19	. . . .	8 00	. . .	20 00	. . .
C. N. A. Yonce	Harrisonburg	1	.	1	1	1	.	2	.	2	4	.	87	4 700	. . . .	450 00	4 00	17 00	10 00	5 00	. . .	10 00	20 00
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MINUTES OF SIXTY-SIXTH CONVENTION
OF THE
EVANG. LUTHERAN SYNOD OF VIRGINIA.

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Virginia met pursuant to adjournment in St. Matthew's church, New Market, Va., Tuesday evening, Aug. 20, 1895. The opening sermon was preached by the Secretary, Rev. L. L. Smith, Strasburg, Va.

FIRST SESSION.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, NEW MARKET, VA.,
AUGUST 21, 1895.

Synod was formally opened by the President, Rev. J. M. Schreckhise, according to the form of service of the Book of Worship.

The clerical roll was called and absentees noted. Lay-Delegates presented their credentials, and the names of those entitled to seats in the Synod were ordered to be placed on the roll.

MINISTERS.	ORDAINED.	POST-OFFICES.	LAY-DELEGATES.
Rev. J. M. Schreckhise	1858	Moffatt's Creek, Va.	
" J. A. Snyder	1859	New Market, Va	B. B. Wierman.
" A. A. J. Bushong	1863	Woodstock, Va	John S. Hoshour.
" Prof. Jas. Willis	1877	Staunton, Va	
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" L. M. Sibole	1880	Middleway, W. Va	
" L. L. Smith	1880	Strasburg, Va.	C. W. Heater.
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" C. H. Rocky	1882	Shepherdstown, W. Va.	John H. Lemon.
" J. W. Strickler	1882	Bridgewater, Va	L. K. Zirkle.
" J. W. S. Sheppard**	1883	Buena Vista, Va.	M. L. Robertson.
" Ed. L. Folk	1884	Mt. Jackson, Va.	R. J. Walker.
" D. P. T. Crickenberger	1885	Waynesboro, Va.	J. J. Harner.
" G. E. Shuey	1886	Harrisonburg, Va.	A. H. Wilson.
" C. N. A. Yonce	1887	Middlebrook, Va.	J. W. Shuey.
" C. B. Miller	1887	Madison C. H., Va.	J. M. Fray.
" H. F. Shealy	1888	Staunton, Va	J. A. Wise.
" Asa Richard	1889	Winchester, Va	J. R. Snapp.
" W. L. Seabrook	1889	Winchester, Va	J. E. Cooper.
" J. E. Shenk	1890	Norfolk, Va.	
" P. J. Wade	1891	Wardensville, W. Va	B. W. McKeever.
" W. H. Berry	1891	Brandonville, W. Va.	L. H. Frankhouser.
" R. B. Peery*	1892	Saga Hizen, Kyushu, Jap.	
" J. A. Morehead	1892	Richmond, Va.	C. M. Bonham.
" C. A. Freed	1893	Middlebrook, Va.	David Rusmiselle.
" P. L. Miller	1895	Stephens City, Va	Ran. Pifer.
" E. A. Shenk	1895	Waynesboro, Va.	G. W. Koiner.
" D. W. Files†		New Haven, W. Va.	
		St. Peter's, Tom's Brook	M. L. Snarr.
		St. Luke	W. L. Wisman.
		Mt. Zion	Naason Wisman.

*Absent and excused. †Licentiate. **Absent.

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NUMBER.	PASTORATE.	CHURCHES.	PASTORS.
1	Aurora	Salem, Centennial Chapel, St. John's, Grace Chapel, Texas	Vacant.
2	Bethany	Bethany, Mt. Olive	Vacant.
3	Bethlehem	Bethlehem, Waynesboro	Rev. E. A. Shenk.
4	Brandonville	St. John's, Luther Chapel, St. Peter's, Mt. Zion, St. Mark's	Rev. W. H. Berry.
5	Buena Vista	Trinity	Rev. J. I. Miller, D. D.
6	Capon	Hebron, St. Peter's, North River, St. James', Mt. Moriah	Rev. P. J. Wade.
7	Churchville	St. Peter's, Pleasant View, St. Paul	Vacant.
8	Gravel Springs	Bethel, Fremont, Gravel Springs, St. John's, St. James'	Rev. W. J. Smith.
9	Harrisonburg	Muhlenberg	Rev. G. E. Shuey.
10	Lebanon	Lebanon, St. Paul	Rev. Asa Richard.
11	Madison	Hebron, Mt. Pisgah	Rev. C. B. Miller.
12	Mt. Jackson	Mt. Calvary, Bethel, Crossroads	Rev. Ed. L. Folk.
13	Mason	New Haven, New Hope, White	Rev. D. W. Files.
14	Middlebrook	Holy Trinity, Newport, St. Mark's	Rev. C. A. Freed.
15	Mt. Tabor	Mt. Tabor	Rev. C. N. A. Yonce.
16	New Market	St. Matthew's, St. Mark's, St. Martin	Rev. J. A. Snyder.
17	Norfolk	First Church	Rev. J. E. Shenk.
18	Page	Bethlehem, Browntown	Revs. L. L. Smith and F. C. Oberly
19	Richmond	First English Lutheran Church	Rev. J. A. Morehead.
20	Rockingham	Frieden's, St. John's, Trinity	Rev. J. W. Strickler.
21	Shenandoah	Mt. Zion, St. Luke's	Vacant.
22	Shepherdstown	St. Peter's	Rev. C. H. Rocky.
23	Staunton	Christ Evang. Lutheran Church	Rev. H. F. Shealy.
24	Stephens City	Trinity	Rev. P. L. Miller.
25	Strasburg	St. Paul's, St. Peter's	Rev. L. L. Smith.
26	Smithfield	Stone's Chapel, Gerardstown, Smithfield	Rev. L. M. Sibole.
27	Salem	Salem, Melanchthon Chapel, St. James'	Rev. W. B. Oney.
28	Waynesboro	Zion, St. James'	Rev. D. P. T. Crickenberger.
29	Winchester	Grace Church	Rev. W. L. Seabrook.
30	Woodstock	Emmanuel	Rev. A. A. J. Bushong.

The President, Rev. J. M. Schreckhise, read his report which was received and laid on the table for future action.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

DEAR BRETHREN :—Another synodical year has passed away, and we are convened, in accordance with resolution adopted at last meeting, on the day, and at the place, then determined upon, for the two-fold purpose of reviewing our past year's labors in the church and to devise such measures as will result in the greatest amount of good in the future to our beloved Zion. We have met, I trust, with a due sense of the obligation resting upon us to discharge faithfully the various duties devolving upon us. May the great Head of the church, the Shepherd and Bishop of souls, meet with us, fill our hearts with love and zeal and the Holy Ghost, that we may be guided and gov-

erned in all our deliberations to the praise of his glorious grace, and the building up of the church, which he has purchased with his own precious blood. Our first duty is to give expression of our feeling of gratitude to Almighty God, our kind Heavenly Father, the Giver of all good, for the many tokens of favor shown towards us since our last synodical convention. These tokens of favor are seen in the degree of success which has attended our efforts in the awakening and conversion of souls, in opening of the hearts of our people to give for the extension of His cause, and in not permitting the hand of death to palsy our tongues or to cut short our labors. God's mercies multiplied unto us call not only for gratitude, but increased fidelity in the Master's vineyard. Many changes have taken place in the fields of labor within the bounds of our Synod since we last met, but none the result of death, but all we trust from a desire to more successfully work in building up the church and promoting the glory of God. Many who were with us at the last convention have left us all expressing regrets for their having to leave us, whilst many not with us then are present today. In view of the many changes during the past year we would have cause to sorrow did we not know that the brethren thus separated from us are only transferred to other and possibly more important fields in the same great department of labor where their toils and prayers are employed as earnestly as ever in the common cause of winning souls to Christ and building up the church of the Redeemer. We are also cheered with the thought that the vacancies thus created have been filled by new laborers who, we have no doubt, will acceptably and efficiently fill their places. The workmen change, but the work goes on. These changes of laborers in the various pastorates have been effected without any friction or derangement of the general work of the church, proving the excellency of the form of government of our church, the lowest form of congregationalism, giving the greatest liberty to pastor and people. We will now give a summary of official transactions under appropriate heads.

I. RESIGNATIONS.

September 15th, 1894, Rev. P. L. Miller informed me he had resigned the Mason charge, West Virginia, to take effect October 8th.

October 7th, 1894, Rev. H. E. Bailey gave me notice of his resignation of the Churchville pastorate, taking effect immediately.

March 7th, 1895, Rev. J. A. Flickinger resigned the Madison charge, terminating his labors there May the 1st.

March 12th, 1895, Rev. L. M. Sibole notified me of his resignation of Smithfield pastorate, taking effect April 1st.

May 1st, 1895, Rev. J. M. Schreckhise informed the Bethany charge that his labors among them would close June 1st.

July 19th, 1895, Rev. S. L. Keller gave me notice that the Aurora pastorate would be vacant by his resignation taking effect at once.

August 13th, 1895, Rev. L. G. M. Miller, D. D., gave me notice of his resignation of Grace church, Winchester, which went into effect Sunday, April 20th.

II. DISMISSIONS.

March 14th, 1895, I gave a certificate of honorable dismission to Rev. J. C. Seegers, transferring him from this Synod to the Ministerium of New York and Adjacent States, he having accepted a call to Albany, New York.

July 23d, 1895, I gave a certificate of honorable dismission to Rev. H. E. Bailey, transferring him from this Synod to the Holston Synod.

August 8th, 1895, I gave a certificate of honorable dismission to Rev. L. G. M. Miller, D. D., transferring him from this Synod to the Southwestern Virginia Synod, he having accepted a call to Roanoke City, Virginia.

August 13th, 1895, I transferred by certificate of honorable dismission Rev. J. A. Flickinger from Virginia Synod to Maryland Synod.

August 13th, 1895, I gave to Rev. S. L. Keller, by a certificate of honorable dismission, a transfer from the Virginia Synod to the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Canada.

III. CALLS ACCEPTED.

November 14th, 1894, Rev. L. L. Smith informed me he had accepted the call extended by St. Paul's church, Strasburg, beginning work September 1st.

November 14th, 1894, Rev. C. N. A. Yonce gave me notice of having accepted a call to Mt. Tabor church, entering upon his labors there September 11th.

December 22d, 1894, Rev. W. H. Berry informed me of having gone to the Brandonville, in obedience to a call from said charge, and that he commenced work there October 1st.

November 14th, 1894, Rev. J. A. Morehead informed me he had received and accepted a call from Board of Missions of United Synod to the first Lutheran church, Richmond, Virginia, in September, and took charge of church November 1st, 1894.

November 16th, 1894, Rev. P. L. Miller gave me notice of accepting a call to Trinity Lutheran congregation, Stephen City, and of commencing work December 1st.

November 23d, 1894, Rev. D. W. Files accepted a call to Mason pastorate, having begun his labors November 18th.

June 24th, 1895, Rev. J. I. Miller, D. D., informed me of having accepted a call to Trinity Lutheran church, Buena Vista, Virginia, and of having commenced his work there June 1st.

July 17th, 1895, Rev. W. L. Seabrook notified me of his accepting a call to Grace Lutheran church, Winchester, Virginia, and of his commencing his work there June 1st.

IV. CREDENTIALS.

November 16th, 1894, I received a letter from Rev. J. A. Morehead, dismissing him from the Southwestern Virginia Synod to this body.

January 25th, 1895, a letter was received from Rev. W. H. Berry, severing his connection with the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska, to unite with the Virginia Synod.

May 21st, 1895, Rev. Geo. E. Shuey sent me his dismission from the Augustana Synod to this body.

July 25th, 1895, Rev. W. L. Seabrook forwarded to me his transfer from the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas to this body.

V. INSTALLATIONS.

Rev. C. N. A. Yonce was installed pastor of Mt. Tabor church, November 18th, 1894, Rev. J. M. Schreckhise delivering charge to pastor and people, Rev. W. B. Oney, who was to deliver charge to the people, being providentially prevented from being present.

VI. CORNER-STONE LAYING—CHURCH IMPROVEMENT.

On the 28th of August, 1894, the corner-stone of a new Lutheran church erected on the foundation of the old one, at Zion near Waynesboro, Augusta county, Virginia, Rev. D. P. T. Crickenberger, pastor, was laid, Rev. J. H. Barb, a former pastor, and Rev. Dr. L. A. Fox preaching and officiating, assisted by Rev. W. B. Oney, Rev. C. A. Freed, and the pastor.

November 21st, 1894, Rev. J. W. Strickler informed me that old Frieden's church had been repaired at a cost of $650, adding to its beauty and comfort, and that the church and contents were reconsecrated the second Sabbath in August, 1894. Zion's church and Frieden's church are among the oldest churches in our Synod, and these marks of improvement indicate that faith and liberality of the fathers live in the children. No doubt other church improvements have been made of which we have received no official notice.

VII. DEDICATIONS.

Rev. S. L. Keller informed me that a new Lutheran church, frame in structure, costing $900, was dedicated to the worship of the Triune God, free of debt, on September 16th, 1894, Rev. W. Y. Cline, a former pastor, preaching the dedicatory sermon, Rev. E. McCauley taking part in the service.

Rev. D. P. T. Crickenberger, pastor, informed me that Zion's new

Lutheran church was dedicated to the service of Almighty God on August 11th, 1895, Rev. Dr. W. S. Bowman, of Charlotte, North Carolina, preaching the dedicatory sermon, and consecration was performed by Rev. Dr. Bowman, Rev. E. A. Shenk, and the pastor. Church cost $2632.87—all debt met.

VIII. DIVISION OF WOODSTOCK PASTORATE.

Rev. A. J. Bushong informed me that in accordance with resolution of Synod granting permission for division of Woodstock charge, this division was made May 1st, 1895, as follows: Emmanuel standing alone, Rev. A. J. Bushong serving as pastor; St. Peter's standing alone, but finally uniting with Strasburg charge; St. Luke and Mt. Zion forming a pastorate which, at this time, is served by Mr. Longnecker, just from Gettysburg Seminary. The whole arrangement was entered into for one year to test the feasability of division. If necessary, I recommend that this action of pastorate be ratified.

IX. VACANCIES.

The following vacancies within our bounds claim the attention of Synod: Bethany, Churchville, Smithfield, and Fairview.

X. DELEGATES TO UNITED SYNOD.

It will be your duty to elect at this meeting delegates to the 5th Convention of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, to meet in Christ Lutheran church, Staunton, Virginia, September 18th, 1895.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, we recommend that pastors taking charge of churches be installed. Of the nine entering upon new fields of labor only one was installed last year. In some cases, where the pastor himself preaches a suitable sermon on the entrance upon his work, there may be no necessity for installation service, or where the congregation is already informed of their duty to the new incumbent, but, as a rule, in addition to the solemnity of the service itself, an opportunity occurs which may not occur soon for presenting to our people the reciprocal duties of pastor and people which may be beneficial to both parties. We repeat the recommendation of the president of Synod last year in reference to the Book of Worship. I recommend that our delegates to the United Synod be requested to present the matter before that body looking to a cheaper and better hymn-book. The anticipated emigration of members of our household of faith from the West and North and foreign countries to Virginia and the South, may call in the future for some action on our part to bring this anticipated Lutheran element into our connection, but as the matter has not assumed

a tangible form, we can not take hold of it or recommend anything practicable on the subject. If the journals of the day are not too sanguine, we may soon expect a large foreign Lutheran element in the South, and the church should be on the lookout to add to her strength from this hopeful source. Thanking the brethren for their uniform kindness and assistance in administering the trust committed to my hands as presiding officer of this honorable body, I hereby respectfully submit this report.

J. M. SCHRECKHISE.

The Secretary, Rev. L. L. Smith, read his report, which was received and laid on the table for future action.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Secretary submits the following report for the past synodical year:

1. The Minutes were printed and distributed at a cost of $90.00.

2. Reduced rates were secured on the B. & O. R. R. for this convention, and our thanks are due said company.

3. The bill for postage, expressage, &c., in the discharge of the routine duties of the office is $2.00.

Respectfully submitted, L. L. SMITH.

St. Matthew's Church, New Market, Va.,
August 21, 1895.

The Treasurer, L. S. Walker, Esq., read his report, which was received and laid on the table for future action.

APPORTIONMENTS AND RECEIPTS OF THE DIFFERENT CHARGES OF THE VIRGINIA SYNOD OF THE E. L. CHURCH FOR YEAR ENDING AUGUST 20, 1895.

PASTORATE.	BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.		SYNODICAL FUND.		HOME MISSIONS.		FOREIGN MISSIONS.		ORPHANS' HOME.		NORFOLK MISSION.		Total Apportionment.	Total Amount Rec'd.	Deficit.	Overpaid.
	Apportionment.	Received.	Apportionment.	Received.	Apportionment.	Received.	Apportionment.	Received.	Apportionment.	Received.	Pledged.	Received.				
Aurora	$ 16 00	$ 16 co	$ 12 00	$ 5 75	$ 65 00	$ 26 co	$ 40 00	. . .	$ 40 00	$ 32 62	$ 33 33	$ 38 75	$ 206 33	$ 119 12	$ 87 21	. . .
Bethany	10 oc	5 00	7 00	5 00	40 00	7 00	25 00	$7 00	25 00	2 00	10 00	. . .	117 00	26 00	91 00	. . .
Brandonville	16 00	1 70	7 00	2 50	40 00	5 00	25 00	5 00	25 00	2 50	. . .	. . .	113 00	16 70	96 30	. . .
Basic City	16 00	18 06	6 00	. . .	25 00	16 70	20 00	10 00	20 00	7 33	33 33	100 00	120 33	152 09	. . .	$ 31 76
Buena Vista	. . .	. . .	3 00	. . .	12 00	. . .	10 00	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	35 00	. . .	35 00	. . .
Bethlehem—Browntown	. . .	. . .	3 00	2 co	8 00	5 00	5 00	3 00	5 co	. .	. . .	. . .	21 00	10 00	11 co	. . .
Capon	8 00	8 00	6 00	6 00	32 00	32 00	20 00	17 49	20 00	20 00	5 00	5 00	91 00	88 49	2 51	. . .
Churchville	4 co	4 00	5 00	. . .	32 00	. . .	20 00	. . .	20 00	14 52	. .	. .	81 00	18 52	62 48	. . .
Gravel Springs	14 00	14 co	10 co	10 00	62 00	62 00	50 co	53 14	50 00	50 88	10 00	10 00	196 00	200 02	. . . .	4 02
Harrisonburg	5 00	5 00	3 00	3 co	17 00	17 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	. . .	. . .	45 00	45 00	. . . .	. . .
Lebanon	8 00	8 00	7 00	7 00	40 00	40 00	20 00	20 00	10 00	10 00	25 00	25 00	110 00	110 00	. . . .	. . .
Madison	20 00	20 00	15 00	6 00	90 00	10 16	50 00	. . . .	50 00	25 00	53 75	275 00	114 91	160 09	. . .	
Mt. Jackson { X Roads	4 00	4 00	3 00	3 00	20 00	20 00	5 00	2 70	10 00	. . .	. . .	. . .	42 00	29 70	12 30	. . .
Mt. Jackson { Mt. Calvary	6 00	6 00	5 co	5 00	30 00	30 00	25 00	25 00	10 00	10 00	*50 00	50 00	126 00	126 00	. . . .	. . .
Mt. Jackson { Bethel	8 00	8 00	6 00	6 00	30 00	25 00	15 00	12 00	15 00	11 75	. . .	. . .	74 00	62 75	11 25	. . .
Mason	8 00	8 00	6 00	8 02	35 00	17 00	20 00	17 61	20 00	16 50	. . .	. . .	89 00	77 13	11 87	. . .
Middlebrook { Holy Trinity	5 00	5 00	3 00	3 00	20 00	11 32	10 00	9 15	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	58 00	38 47	19 53	. . .
Middlebrook { St. Mark's	4 00	2 27	2 00	. . .	15 00	2 50	10 co	2 50	7 00	2 00	. . .	. . .	38 00	9 27	28 73	. . .
Mt. Tabor	15 00	7 00	11 co	. . .	60 00	. . .	40 00	. . .	30 00	14 00	. . .	. . .	156 00	21 00	135 00	. . .
New Market { St. Matthew's	14 00	14 00	7 00	7 00	45 00	19 35	20 00	20 00	15 00	15 00	. . .	. . .	101 00	75 35	25 65	. . .
New Market { St. Mark's	8 00	8 00	2 00	. . .	14 00	. . .	10 00	. . .	10 00	6 07	. . .	. . .	44 00	14 07	29 93	. . .
New Market { St. Martin's	8 00	4 13	2 00	. . .	14 00	. . .	10 00	. . .	10 00	. . .	. . .	. . .	44 00	4 13	39 87	. . .
Norfolk	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	†33 34	. . .	. . .	. . .	33 34	. . .
Richmond	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	20 00	20 00	15 00	15 00	10 00	10 00	. . .	. . .	55 00	55 00	. . .	. . .
Rockingham	7 00	7 00	5 00	5 00	24 00	28 25	15 00	4 75	15 00	15 00	20 00	. . .	86 00	60 00	26 00	. . .
Shepherdstown	35 00	35 00	30 00	30 co	140 00	140 00	60 00	60 00	60 00	25 00	50 co	50 00	375 00	340 00	35 00	. . .
Staunton	20 00	20 00	15 00	15 00	70 00	70 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	100 00	50 00	285 00	235 00	50 00	. . .
Strasburg { St. Paul's	6 00	6 00	9 00	9 00	30 00	30 00	18 00	34 26	15 00	16 00	. . .	16 66	78 00	111 92	. . . .	33 92
Strasburg { St. Peter's	6 00	6 00	4 00	4 00	25 00	25 00	15 00	15 00	15 00	25 00	. . .	. . .	65 00	75 00	. . . .	10 00
Stephens City	4 00	4 00	5 00	5 00	20 00	20 00	12 00	12 02	10 00	10 00	. . .	. . .	51 00	51 02	. . . .	02
Smithfield	4 00	1 00	2 00	. . .	12 00	1 00	10 00	1 00	7 00	2 50	. . .	. . .	35 00	5 50	29 50	. . .
Salem	10 00	10 00	7 00	7 00	45 00	48 00	30 00	30 00	15 00	15 00	10 00	. . .	117 00	110 00	7 00	. . .
Waynesboro	15 00	11 50	10 00	. . .	70 00	40 00	40 00	25 00	26 co	10 87	. .	. . .	161 00	87 37	73 63	. . .
Winchester	50 00	50 00	50 00	50 00	225 00	225 00	750 00	812 50	110 00	110 00	150 00	150 00	1335 00	1397 50	. . . .	62 50
Woodstock { Emmanuel	6 00	6 00	5 00	5 00	30 00	30 00	20 00	40 00	15 00	30 00	‡50 00	‡52 50	126 00	163 50	. . . .	37 50
Woodstock { Mt. Zion	4 00	4 00	2 00	2 00	15 00	10 39	15 00	. . . .	5 00	5 00	. . .	. . .	41 00	21 39	19 61	. . .
Woodstock { St. Luke	4 00	4 00	1 00	1 00	10 00	1 72	5 00	. . . .	5 00	3 03	. . .	. . .	25 00	9 75	15 25	. . .
	$373 00	$335 66	$281 00	$217 27	$1482 00	$1035 39	$1505 00	$1304 12	$770 00	$577 57	$640 00	$611 66	$5051 00	$4081 67	$1149 05	$179 72

* $50.00—Norfolk Mission, charged and credited to Mt. Calvary church, as that church raised nearly all of the amount.

† $33.34—Norfolk Mission, is the amount to be contributed by Rev. J. E. Shenk of Norfolk, but not paid through Treasurer.

‡ $50.00—Norfolk Mission, charged and credited to Emmanuel church, but St. Peter's paid $8.53; St. Luke, $2.62.

EXPENDITURES MADE BY TREASURER FROM THE DIFFERENT FUNDS FROM AUGUST 21, 1894, TO AUGUST 20, 1895.

FROM EDUCATIONAL FUND.

1895.		DR.	
Aug.	21.	To amt. overpaid on last settlement	$ 62 76
Oct.	30.	To amt. paid Luther Hogshead	50 00
Nov.	3.	To amt. paid W. G. Shenk	50 00
Dec.	14.	To amt. paid Luther Hogshead	10 00
1895.			
Jan.	26.	To amt. paid W. G. Shenk	35 00
Feb.	11.	To amt. paid Luther Hogshead	50 00
Apr.	23.	To amt. paid W. G. Shenk	40 00
Apr.	29.	To amt. paid Luther Hogshead	40 00
			$337 76
1895.		CR.	
Aug.	21.	By amt. due fund by Treasurer	$ 2 90

FROM FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

1895.		DR.	
Jan.	10.	To amt. paid R. G. Chisolm, Treas. United Synod,	$290 00
Apr.	23.	To amt. paid same	85 00
May	9.	To amt. paid same, per H. Baetjer, Treas.	812 50
Aug.	15.	To amt. paid same	312 50
			$1500 00
1895.		CR.	
Aug.	24.	By amt. due fund by Treasurer	$ 60 78

FROM HOME MISSION FUND.

1894.		DR.	
Aug.	25.	To amt. paid R. G. Chisolm, Treas. United Synod, balance in full for 1894	$ 356 34
1895.			
Jan.	15.	To amt. paid A. H. Wilson, Treas. Harrisonburg Mission, Dec. salary	25 00
Mar.	4.	To amt. paid same, Jan. and Feb. salary	50 00
Apr.	22.	To amt. paid same, March salary	25 00
Apr.	23.	To amt. paid R. G. Chisolm, Treas. United Synod,	100 00
May	24.	To amt. paid A. H. Wilson, Treas. Harrisonburg Mission, April salary	25 00

June	6.	To amt. paid same, May salary	25 00
Aug.	6.	To amt. paid same, June and July salary	50 00
Aug.	15.	To amt. paid same, August salary	25 00
Aug.	15.	To amt. paid R. G. Chisolm, Treas. United Synod,	705 96
			$1387 30

1895.		Cr.	
Aug.	15.	By amt. due fund by Treasurer	$ 12 04

FROM ORPHANAGE FUND.

1894.		Dr.	
Nov.	28.	To amt. paid H. S. Trout, Treas	$ 150 00
1895.			
Mar.	4.	To amt. paid same	80 00
Apr.	23.	To amt. paid same	75 00
May	27.	To amt. paid same	125 00
Aug.	15.	To amt. paid same	194 51
			$ 624 51

1895.		Cr.	
Aug.	24.	By amt. due fund by Treasurer	$ 32 69

FROM PASTORS' FUND.

1894.		Dr.	
Oct.	8.	To amt. paid Rev. L. M. Sibole, Smithfield Mission, 1st quarter	$ 18 75
1895.			
Jan.	23.	To amt. paid same, 2d quarter	18 75
May	21.	To amt. paid same, 3d quarter	18 75
Aug.	13.	To amt. paid same, 4th quarter	18 75
			$ 75 00

1895.		Cr.	
Aug.	15.	By amt. due fund by Treasurer	$ 40 26

FROM SYNODICAL FUND.

1894.		Dr.	
Aug.	21.	To amt. paid Treas., amount due last settlement,	$ 10 18
Oct.	8.	To amt. paid Rev. L. L. Smith, Sec., sal. and exp.	27 50
1895.			
Mar.	4.	To amt. paid H. S. Trout, Treas., interest on Seminary Fund to January, '95	120 00
June	8.	To amt. paid Henkel & Co., printing and distributing Minutes	80 79

Aug. 15.	To amt. paid Treasurer for postage on all matters, about		4 75
			$ 243 22

1895.		Cr.	
Aug. 15.	By amt. due fund by Treasurer		$ 12 12

FROM NORFOLK MISSION PLEDGES.

1895.		Dr.	
Jan. 10.	To amt. paid R. G. Chisolm, Treas. United Synod,		$ 235 00
Apr. 23.	To amt. paid same		90 00
Aug. 15.	To amt. paid same		185 00
			$ 510 00

1895.		Cr.	
Aug. 24.	By amt. due fund by Treasurer		$ 101 66

SUMMARY OF ALL FUNDS,

Including Amount on Hand at Last Settlement and Amount Received from Auditing Committee.

1895.		Dr.	Cr.
Aug. 15.	By amt. received for Bene. Education. .		$ 340 66
Aug. 15.	To amt. paid for same	$ 337 76	
Aug. 15.	By amt. received for Foreign Missions .		1560 78
Aug. 15.	To amt. paid same	1500 00	
Aug. 15.	By amt. received for Home Missions . .		1399 34
Aug. 15.	To amt. paid for same	1387 30	
Aug. 15.	By amt. received for Orphans' Home . .		657 20
Aug. 15.	To amt. paid for same	624 51	
Aug. 15.	By amt. on hand due Pastors' Fund last year		115 26
Aug. 15.	To amt. paid out from same	75 00	
Aug. 15.	By amt. received for Synodical Fund . .		255 34
Aug. 15.	To amt. paid from same	243 22	
Aug. 15.	By amt. due Synod for For. Mission Fund and interest on same		147 48
Aug. 15.	To amt. of investment in S. C. B. and L. Association	133 08	
Aug. 15.	By amt. received for Norfolk Mission . .		611 66
Aug. 15.	To amt. paid out for same	510 00	
Aug. 15.	By amt. due different funds by Treas . .	276 85	
		$5087 72	$5087 72

1895.	Cr.		
Aug. 24.	By amt. due all funds by Treasurer . . .		$ 276 85
	The above balance is made up as follows:		
	By amt. due Bene. Ed. Fund	2 90	
	By amt. due to Foreign Missions	60 78	
	By amt. due to Home Missions	12 04	
	By amt. due to Pastors' Fund	40 26	
	By amt. due to Synodical Fund	12 12	
	By amt. due to Syn. For. Miss. Fund, interest on fund	14 40	
	By amt. due to Orphans' Home Fund . .	32 69	
	By amt. due to Norfolk Mission.	101 66	
			$ 276 85

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

President—Rev. H. F. Shealy.
Secretary—Rev. L. L. Smith.
Treasurer—L. S. Walker, Esq.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

On motion, Revs. S. Henkel, D. D., of the Tennessee Synod, W. H. Cone, of the North Carolina Synod, Chas. E. Keller, of the East Ohio Synod, and J. I. Miller, D. D., of the Tennessee Synod, were received as advisory members.

Resolved, That the sessions of Synod be from 9 a. m. to 10.45 a. m., and from 2 p. m. to 4.30 p. m.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. C. H. Rocky.

SECOND SESSION.

St. Matthew's Church, New Market, Va.,
August 21, 1895—2.30 P. M.

Synod convened. Prayer by Rev. W. B. Oney. Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

On motion, Rev. P. C. Wike, of the Tennessee Synod, was received as an advisory member.

The following report was read and adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The customary and regular certificates of Revs. J. A. Morehead of the Southwestern Virginia Synod, and W. H. Berry of the Nebraska Synod, and Geo. E. Shuey of the Augustana Synod, and W. L. Seabrook of the Kansas Synod, and C. B. Miller of the Synod of North Carolina, placed into the hands of your committee, have been carefully examined, and the following action recommended :

Resolved, That these brethren be now regularly received into full connection with this body, and that we extend to them a cordial welcome, and ask that God's blessing attend their labors.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. SNYDER,
W. J. SMITH,
H. F. SHEALY,
J. M. SCHRECKHISE.

NEW CONSTITUTION.

The special order being the consideration of the new Constitution, Rev. L. L. Smith, chairman of the committee, reported the same, and the Synod entered upon its adoption. The constitution was read and considered by chapter and section for amendment when the hour for adjournment came.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. G. E. Shuey.

THIRD SESSION.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, NEW MARKET, VA.,
AUGUST 22, 1895—9 A. M.

Synod convened. Prayer by Rev. E. A. Shenk. Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

On motion, Rev. L. K. Probst, Secretary of the Board of Missions of the United Synod, Revs. J. P. Stirewalt and F. C. Oberly of the Tennessee Synod, and Rev. J. M. Graybill of the Maryland Synod, were received as advisory members.

The President announced the following Standing Committees :

No. 1. *President's Report.*—Rev. J. E. Shenk, J. E. Cooper, Hon. G. W. Koiner.

No. 2. *Secretary's Report.*—Rev. C. A. Freed, Rev. C. N. A. Yonce, John S. Hoshour.

No. 3. *Treasurer's Report.*—J. A. Wise, Chas. W. Heater, A. C. Koontz.

No. 4. *Apportionment and Appropriations.*—R. J. Walker, Rev. W. J. Smith, Rev. D. P. T. Crickenberger.

No. 5. *Minutes of Last Synod.*—Rev. J. W. Strickler, Rev. W. B. Oney, B. W. McKeever.

No. 6. *State of the Church.*—Rev. Ed. L. Folk, Rev. C. B. Miller, M. L. Snarr.

No. 7. *Literary Institutions.*—Rev. Asa Richard, Rev. J. A. Morehead, J. W. Shuey.

No. 8. *Vacant Congregations.*—Rev. A. A. J. Bushong, Rev. L. L. Smith, David Rusmiselle.

No. 9. *Church Literature.*—Rev. E. A. Shenk, Rev. Geo. E. Shuey, C. M. Bonham.

No. 10. *Letters and Petitions.*—Rev. C. H. Rockey, Rev. J. M. Schreckhise, John R. Snapp.

No. 11. *Minutes of Conferences.*—Rev. W. L. Seabrook, Rev. P. J. Wade, W. L. Wisman.

No. 12. *Devotional Exercises.*—Officers of Synod and Pastor Loci.

On motion, Rev. Mr. Hartman of the Presbyterian church was invited to a seat within the bar of Synod.

NEW CONSTITUTION.

The New Constitution was considered, and was pending at adjournment.

Adjourned. Benediction by the President.

FOURTH SESSION.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, NEW MARKET, VA.,
AUGUST 22, 1895—2 P. M.

Synod convened. Prayer by Rev. Ed. L. Folk. Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

On motion, Rev. W. S. Bowman, D. D., of the North Carolina Synod, was received as an advisory member.

On motion, Rev. Mr. Whitesell of the M. E. Church, South, was invited to a seat within the bar of Synod.

NEW CONSTITUTION.

The consideration of the New Constitution was concluded, and the session of Saturday morning was fixed as the time for final adoption.

Resolved, That the Secretary have the Constitution printed in the Minutes and 200 extra copies and one special copy for the use of Synod.

FRATERNAL GREETINGS OF THE DELEGATE OF THE NORTH CAROLINA SYNOD.

Rev. W. S. Bowman, D. D., Fraternal Delegate of the North Carolina Synod, presented the greetings of that venerable body in an interesting address which was highly appreciated by the members of Synod, and to which the President appropriately responded.

Adjourned. Benediction by the President.

FIFTH SESSION.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, NEW MARKET, VA.,
AUGUST 23, 1895—9 A. M.

Synod convened. Prayer by Rev. Prof. James Willis. Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Parochial reports were placed in the hands of the Secretary for tabulation.

The following report was read, considered by items, and adopted :

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 8.—ON VACANT CONGREGATIONS.

Your Committee on Vacant Pastorates report the following vacancies : Aurora, Preston county ; Bethany, Rockbridge county ; Churchville, Augusta county ; St. Luke and Mt. Zion, Shenandoah county ; Fairview, Frederick county ; Smithfield, Jefferson county, W. Va.

Your committee recommend that the President of Synod co-operate with these vacant pastorates in securing pastors as soon as practical.

Your committee earnestly recommend that Pleasant View congregation remain with the Churchville pastorate and co-operate with the other congregations in securing a pastor, as their withdrawal so weakens the pastorate that it will be impossible for it to employ a pastor.

Respectfully submitted,

A. A. J. BUSHONG,
L. L. SMITH,
DAVID RUSMISELLE,
COMMITTEE.

Resolved, That the President of Synod be requested to render such aid as he thinks best to secure preaching to the Churchville pastorate until such pastorate can effect better arrangements.

The following report was received and adopted :

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 2.—ON SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Your committee have examined the Secretary's Report, and find that the duties of his office have been discharged very faithfully.

The following recommendations are submitted :

1. That the thanks of this body be returned, by the Secretary, to Mr. C. O. Scull, General Passenger Agent of Baltimore & Ohio railroad, for reduced rates to this convention of Synod.

2. That an order be granted the Secretary for the sum of $2.00 for the expenses of his office.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. FREED,
C. N. A. YONCE,
JOHN S. HOSHOUR.

The following report was received and adopted :

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 11.—ON MINUTES OF CONFERENCES.

Having examined the minutes of both conferences, we submit the following :

I. POTOMAC CONFERENCE.

The officers of this conference are: Rev. A. A. J. Bushong, President; Rev. E. L. Folk, Secretary; Rev. J. A. Snyder, Treasurer.

The conference met twice within the past year. At Uvilla, in the Shepherdstown pastorate, October 9, 1894, and at the Bethel church, of the Mt. Jackson pastorate, May 7, 1895. The next session will be held at St. Luke's, on Thursday before the full moon in October, 1895.

II. SOUTHERN CONFERENCE.

The officers are: Rev. D. P. Crickenberger, President; Rev. C. A. Freed, Secretary; Rev. W. B. Oney, Treasurer. The conference held one session at the Salem church, of the Salem pastorate, October 16, 1894. Frieden's church was selected as the next place of meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. SEABROOK,
P. J. WADE,
W. L. WISMAN.

The following report was received, considered by items, and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. 1.—ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

The report of the President is a full, clear, and methodical statement of his official acts during the interim of Synod. It bears humble and grateful testimony to the many evidences of God's favor and abundant blessings upon the churches of our territory.

During the year there have been seven resignations, five letters of dismission to other Synods, and four members received from other Synods, seven calls have been accepted, one installation, a corner-stone laid for a new church, and two churches dedicated.

We your committee recommend:

First, That all the official acts of our worthy President be approved, and that the thanks of the Synod be extended him for his earnest, efficient, and thorough work, and the wise administration of the affairs of Synod during the past year.

Second, That we do hereby acknowledge the goodness and favor of Almighty God upon us during the year, in the constant bestowal of divine benediction, and in leading us to larger things, and invoke the continuance of his blessings upon us during the coming year in a still larger measure.

Third, We have our attention called to the fact that a division of Rev. A. A. J. Bushong's pastorate was entered into for one year to test the feasibility of dividing the same. We recommend that, if necessary, the action of this pastorate be ratified.

Fourth, That it will be the duty of Synod at this meeting to elect delegates to the fifth convention of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South to meet in Staunton, Virginia, September 18, 1895. We recommend that this be done.

Fifth, Another item in the report deserving our attention is that referring to our Book of Worship, the meagerness in its hymnology, and its excessive cost, rendering the book not entirely satisfactory to the church, and hindering its general distribution among all our people. We would add also the fact there is a growing demand for a Book of Worship in our Southern church, containing not only an adequate collection of hymns, but a book containing hymns and tunes combined. We recommend that the Virginia Synod present an overture to the United Synod, praying that the United Synod, at its next session, carefully consider the advisability and practicability of securing a revised Book of Worship with tunes.

Sixth, Our attention is called to the important fact of the anticipated emigration of members of our household of faith from the West and North and foreign countries to Virginia and the South. We recommend that our pastors, boards of extension and missions, be on the alert to take all necessary action to save to our church the anticipated Lutheran element.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. SHENK,
G. W. KOINER,
J. E. COOPER.

The following report was received, considered by items, and adopted:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 5.—ON MINUTES OF LAST YEAR.

Item 1st, page 14. Did pastors report congregations separately according to resolution? Answer, no.

Item 2d, page 18. (a) Were services held at Browntown and Front Royal once a month, during the past year? Answer, yes. (b) Were Sunday-schools organized at these points? Answer, no.

Item 3d, page 21. Were pledges paid? Answer, yes.

Item 4th. We call attention to resolution on page 23.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. STRICKLER,
W. B. ONEY,
L. K. ZIRKLE.

NORFOLK MISSION.

Resolved, That pastorates not having given any pledge to the Norfolk Mission be now granted the privilege of making such a pledge, and that the last year's list of pledges, and the resolution following, be republished in the Minutes of this year in connection with the supplementary pledges of this year (or made now.)

PLEDGES FOR $2,500—FOR 3 YEARS, 1894.

Rev. J. M. Schreckhise	$ 10 00
Rev. J. A. Flickinger	50 00
Rev. A. A. J. Bushong	50 00
Rev. L. G. M. Miller	150 00
Rev. W. J. Smith	10 00
Rev. Wm. B. Oney	10 00
Rev. C. H. Rocky	50 00
Rev. Ed. L. Folk	50 00
Rev. S. L. Keller	33 33
Rev. H. F. Shealy	50 00
Rev. Asa Richard	25 00
Rev. P. J. Wade	5 00
Rev. C. A. Freed	10 00
Rev. J. E. Shenk	33 33
Rev. J. W. Strickler	20 00
Mr. Philip Killian	33 33

Resolved, That the pledges taken stand, and be paid yearly to the Treasurer of this Synod, and that the Executive Committee use earnest effort to raise the supplementary amount to make the full amount $2,500 needed for the three years, and that especially they make an effort in the congregations not pledging any amount in the total taken at this convention.

PLEDGES MADE IN 1895 FOR 2 YEARS.

Rev. P. L. Miller	$ 10 00
Rev. L. L. Smith	16 66

The following report was received, considered by items, and adopted:

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE AND ADVISORY BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The Board has held five meetings during the year, endeavoring to discharge all the duties that devolved upon it.

HARRISONBURG.

This mission having become vacant, by the resignation of Rev. C. N. A. Yonce, about the first of September, 1894, the Board made every effort to encourage and assist the congregation in securing a pastor.

Dec.	3.	To cash paid Rev. J. W. S. Sheppard, salary for November	$33	34
1895.				
Jan.	2.	To cash paid Stoneburner & Prufer for circulars	1	50
Jan.	2.	To cash paid Rev. J. W. S. Sheppard, salary for December	33	33
Feb.	2.	To cash paid Rev. J. W. S. Sheppard, salary for January	33	33
Mch.	5.	To cash paid Rev. J. W. S. Sheppard, salary for February	33	34
Mch.	27.	To cash paid Rev. H. F. Shealy, expenses to Buena Vista, &c.	4	70
April	2.	To cash paid Rev. J. W. S. Sheppard, salary for March	33	34
May	1.	To cash paid Rev. J. W. S. Sheppard, salary for April	33	33
May	28.	To cash paid Stoneburner & Prufer for printing	5	90
June	4.	To cash paid Rev. J. W. S. Sheppard, salary for May	33	33
				$318 45
1895.				
Aug.	19.	Balance		$155 20

Committee to Audit Treasurer's Report of the Mission Board: J. E. Cooper, J. J. Harner, and B. M. McKeever.

Revs. S. A. Repass, D. D., of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, L. A. Fox, D. D., and F. V. N. Painter, D. D., of the Southwestern Virginia Synod, were received as advisory members.

Adjourned. Benediction by the Secretary.

SIXTH SESSION.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, NEW MARKET, VA.,
AUGUST 23, 1895—2 P. M.

Synod convened. Prayer by Rev. P. J. Wade. Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

The time was fixed for Wednesday evening before the fourth Sunday in August, 1896, and the place, Zion church, Augusta county, Va., Rev. D. P. T. Crickenberger, pastor.

The following report was read and adopted:

TREASURER'S REPORT OF BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION

IN ACCOUNT WITH C. C. BERRY, TREASURER.

1895. CR.

August 20. Balance as per last report $32 23

On motion, the following committee was appointed to nominate a Board of Church Extension: Revs. J. W. Strickler, C. A. Freed, and Mr. John H. Lemon.

The following report was read and adopted:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 6.—ON STATE OF THE CHURCH.

We find upon perusal of the Reports on State of the Church, that there are many features of an encouraging nature, and also some causes for discouragement presented by the brethren.

Evidently there has been in most of our fields of labor an increased interest among the members of our churches, while some seem to be making no apparent progress.

While your committee are reminded of their duty to commend that which is good, they are not unmindful of the importance of urging the necessity of a greater degree of fidelity among both pastors and people. Therefore your committee would recommend:

1st. That the subject of catechisation be more earnestly encouraged and engaged in.

2d. That the pastors be more diligent in impressing upon their people the importance of subscribing for and reading the church papers.

3d. That our pastors seek to impress upon their people the importance of attendance upon the regular preaching services, and that it is *wrong* for a member of the church to absent himself from any church service except providentially hindered from being present.

Respectfully submitted,

ED. L. FOLK,
C. B. MILLER,
M. L. SNARR,
COMMITTEE.

The following report was read, considered by items, amended, and adopted :

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 7.—ON LITERARY INSTITUTIONS.

Your Committee on Literary Institutions would submit the following report and recommendation :

ROANOKE COLLEGE.

The report of President Dreher for the year and a handsome catalogue of the college of 60 pages were placed in the hands of your committee. It is gratifying to learn that there was a large increase of students last session, 161 having been enrolled—an increase of 23 per cent.

The financial strength of the college continues gradually to be augmented. But it is of special interest to note the marked improvement in library facilities and the consequent introduction of more modern methods of study; such as, use of reference library, original investigation, and topical instruction in history—all which conduce to the production of broader scholarship. The religious condition of the students is reported as excellent. This is cause for deep thankfulness. Especially should we honor this institution for the great work it has done and is doing toward the education of the ministry of our church. All these facts add to the sympathy and support which we as a Synod owe to Roanoke College. May her prosperity continue !

STAUNTON FEMALE SEMINARY.

It is a source of gratification to be informed of the continued growth and usefulness of this most excellent institution, affording such ample facilities for the culture of the daughters of our church. We notice with pleasure that its patronage is drawn from six States of the Union. And, notwithstanding the financial depression of the times, this Seminary has steadily maintained the former standard of the school; therefore,

Resolved, That we as a Synod commend with pleasure this most excellent institution to the patronage of our congregations, and assure the worthy principal of our continued interest and sympathy in his work.

Respectfully submitted,

ASA RICHARD,
J. A. MOREHEAD,
JNO. W. SHUEY.

During the consideration of this report, the report of the President of Roanoke College, Dr. Julius D. Dreher, was read before the Synod, followed by an earnest address by

Rev. Dr. Fox in behalf of the College. Rev. Prof. James Willis presented the interests of Staunton Female Seminary.

The old Board of Church Extension was elected, except the substitution of Rev. W. B. Oney for Rev. J. E. Shenk.

The following report was read and adopted:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE No. 3—ON TREASURER'S REPORT.

Your committee, to whom was referred the Report of the Treasurer, submit the following:

We have carefully examined the report of Mr. L. S. Walker, Treasurer of the Virginia Synod, and are thoroughly satisfied that it is correct.

We recommend that the tabulated report, as furnished by the Treasurer, be printed in the Minutes of Synod.

J. A. WISE,
CHAS. W. HEATER,
A. C. KOONTZ,
COMMITTEE.

DELEGATES TO UNITED SYNOD.

The following delegates were elected to the United Synod:

Clerical.

Principal.	*Alternate.*
REV. C. H. ROCKY,	REV. J. M. SCHRECKHISE,
" W. L. SEABROOK,	" D. P. T. CRICKENBERGER,
" L. L. SMITH,	" J. E. SHENK,
" H. F. SHEALY,	" E. L. FOLK,
" J. A. SNYDER,	" J. A. MOREHEAD,
" W. J. SMITH,	" W. B. ONEY,
" A. A. J. BUSHONG.	" ASA RICHARD.

Lay.

Principal.	*Alternate.*
MR. C. W. HEATER,	MR. J. A. WISE,
" L. S. WALKER,	" R. J. WALKER,
" J. E. COOPER,	" J. R. FILLER,
" S. R. HOOVER,	" R. F. DAVIS, M. D.,
" G. M. BELTZHOOVER,	" C. C. BERRY,
" M. COFFMAN,	" WM. BUCHER,
" G. W. KOINER.	" HON. A. KOINER.

Adjourned. Benediction by Rev. S. Henkel, D. D.

SEVENTH SESSION.

St. Matthew's Church, New Market, Va.,
August 24, 1895—9.30 A. M.

Synod convened. Prayer by Rev. A. A. J. Bushong. Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

On motion, Revs. J. E. Shenk, G. E. Shuey, and Messrs. J. A. Wise, G. W. Koiner, and A. H. Wilson were excused.

NEW CONSTITUTION.

The Constitution was further considered, and adopted as a whole.

Committee to nominate an Executive Committee: Revs. W. J. Smith, C. A. Freed, C. B. Miller, and Messrs. R. J. Walker and J. E. Cooper.

REPORT OF THE ORPHAN HOME.

Rev. F. V. N. Painter, D. D., Secretary of the Board of the South View Orphan Home, read the annual report of the Home to this Synod, followed by interesting remarks on the work and outlook of the institution.

Resolved, That the same amount be apportioned for Orphan Work as in former years.

Adjourned. Benediction by Rev. C. B. Miller.

EIGHTH SESSION.

St. Matthew's Church, New Market, Va.,
August 24, 1895—2 P. M.

Synod convened. Prayer by Rev. L. K. Probst. Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

PRINTING MINUTES.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to have 1500 copies of Minutes printed and distributed.

The following report was read, considered by items, and adopted:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 9.—CHURCH LITERATURE.

The Committee on Church Literature would urgently recommend the following:

1. That the pastor of every congregation use his utmost endeavor to place in each church home one or more of our church papers, and in order to prosecute this effort successfully, we suggest that a committee of three from the congregation be appointed by the pastor to aid in this work.

2. That the Literature used in the Sunday-schools be that as is issued by the Lutheran Publication Society of Philadelphia.

E. A. SHENK,
GEO. E. SHUEY,
C. M. BONHAM,
COMMITTEE.

The following report was read and adopted:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We submit the following names for the Executive Committee: Revs. W. J. Smith, Ed. L. Folk, W. L. Seabrook, and Messrs. Charles W. Heater and Henry Baetjer.

Respectfully submitted,
C. A. FREED,
J. E. COOPER,
C. B. MILLER,
ROBERT J. WALKER.

The Report of the Auditing Committee on Treasurer's Report of Board of Missions:

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE ON THE REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE EXECUTIVE AND ADVISORY BOARD OF MISSIONS.

We have compared this report with the letters advising remittances and the receipts for disbursements, and find it correct. The balance in this treasury is $155.20.

Respectfully submitted,
J. E. COOPER,
B. W. McKEEVER,
J. J. HARNER,
COMMITTEE.

Resolved, That the papers and assets of the Board of Missions be delivered to the Executive Committee and the Treasurer of Synod for Synodical Home Missions.

The following report was read and adopted:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 4—APPROPRIATIONS AND APPORTIONMENTS.

Your Committee on Appropriations would recommend the following:

FROM BENEFICIARY FUND.

For W. G. Shenk	$ 100 00
For R. A. Helms	150 00
	$ 250 00

FROM SYNODICAL FUND.

For printing and distributing Minutes	$ 100 00
For salary of Secretary and expenses of office	27 00
For one year's interest on Seminary Fund	120 00
	$ 247 00

FROM HOME MISSION FUND.

For Harrisonburg Mission	$ 300 00
For United Board for Home Missions	1050 00
	$1350 00

FROM ORPHANAGE FUND.

For South View Orphans' Home	$ 700 00

FROM FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

For United Synod for Foreign Missions	$ 750 00
For United Synod for Rev. R. B. Peery	750 00
	$1500 00

FROM PASTORS' FUND NOW ON HAND.

For Rev. L. M. Sibole	$ 75 00

APPORTIONMENTS.

PASTORATE.	Beneficiary Education.	Synodical Fund.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Orphans' Home.
Aurora	$ 16 00	$ 12 00	$ 65 00	$ 40 00	$ 40 00
Bethany	10 00	7 00	40 00	25 00	25 00
Brandonville	16 00	7 00	40 00	25 00	25 00
Bethlehem	16 00	6 00	25 00	20 00	20 00
Buena Vista	. . . .	3 00	12 00	10 00	10 00
Capon	8 00	6 00	32 00	20 00	20 00
Churchville	4 00	5 00	32 00	20 00	20 00
Gravel Springs	14 00	10 00	62 00	50 00	50 00
Harrisonburg	5 00	3 00	17 00	10 00	10 00
Lebanon	8 00	7 00	40 00	20 00	10 00
Madison	20 00	15 00	90 00	50 00	50 00
Mt. Jackson — X Roads	4 00	3 00	20 00	5 00	10 00
Mt. Jackson — Mt. Calvary	6 00	5 00	30 00	25 00	10 00
Mt. Jackson — Bethel	8 00	6 00	30 00	15 00	15 00
Mason	8 00	6 00	35 00	20 00	20 00
Middlebrook — Holy Trinity	5 00	3 00	20 00	10 00	10 00
Middlebrook — St. Mark's	4 00	2 00	15 00	10 00	7 00
Mt. Tabor	15 00	11 00	60 00	40 00	30 00
New Market — St. Matthew's	14 00	7 00	45 00	20 00	15 00
New Market — St. Mark's	8 00	2 00	14 00	10 00	10 00
New Market — St. Martin's	8 00	2 00	14 00	10 00	10 00
Norfolk	5 00	5 00	10 00	10 00	10 00
Page	. . . .	3 00	8 00	5 00	5 00
Richmond	5 00	5 00	20 00	15 00	10 00
Rockingham	7 00	5 00	24 00	15 00	15 00
Shenandoah — Mt. Zion	4 00	2 00	15 00	15 00	5 00
Shenandoah — St. Luke's	4 00	1 00	10 00	5 00	5 00
Shepherdstown	35 00	30 00	140 00	60 00	60 00
Staunton	20 00	15 00	70 00	40 00	40 00
Strasburg — St. Paul's	6 00	9 00	30 00	18 00	15 00
Strasburg — St. Peter's	6 00	4 00	25 00	15 00	15 00
Stephens City	4 00	5 00	20 00	12 00	10 00
Smithfield	4 00	2 00	12 00	10 00	7 00
Salem	10 00	7 00	42 00	30 00	15 00
Waynesboro	15 00	10 00	70 00	40 00	26 00
Winchester	50 00	50 00	225 00	750 00	110 00
Woodstock	6 00	5 00	30 00	20 00	15 00
	$ 378 00	$ 286 00	$1489 00	$1515 00	$ 780 00

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT J. WALKER,
W. J. SMITH,
D. P. CRICKENBERGER,
COMMITTEE.

The following report was read, considered by items, and adopted :

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 10—LETTERS AND PETITIONS.

Your Committee on Letters and Petitions would submit the following report:

(1) A petition from the First Lutheran church, of Norfolk, Virginia, signed by pastor and secretary of church council, asking for admission into the Virginia Synod, and submitting therewith the constitution of the church.

Your committee reports that the said constitution has been examined, and finds that it is in harmony with the requirements of our Synodical Constitution, and would therefore recommend that the Lutheran church of Norfolk, Virginia, be received into Synod, and that we assure this church and its pastor our sympathy and prayers for God's richest blessings upon their important work.

(2) A letter has been placed in our hands, signed by the president and secretary of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of Woodstock, Virginia, asking of Synod the advisability of the creation of a Synodical Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society.

We recommend that answer following be returned to the petitioners:

In view of the great good that has been accomplished by the organization of the women of the Lutheran church, and of all denominations, in synodical societies, not only in the increase of contributions to the general missionary work of the church, but in the development of the missionary spirit, and in stimulation of missionary interest throughout the Synod, we recommend most heartily that such a society be organized, and that the petitioners call a public meeting at a convenient time and place for the purpose of effecting such an organization.

(3) A letter from Rev. R. B. Peery, our missionary in Japan, now in Virginia, stating reasons for his non-attendance upon this meeting of Synod.

While we deeply regret Rev. Peery's absence, and while we feel that his expected presence here would have accomplished great good, yet we deem his excuses valid, and we recommend that he be excused from non-attendance at Synod.

4. A petition has been handed us, signed by the councilmen of the St. Peter's church, formerly a part of the Woodstock pastorate, informing us of the severance of this congregation from the Woodstock pastorate, and that a contract with St. Paul's church, of Strasburg, has been effected, Rev. L. L. Smith assuming charge of the congregation in connection with the Strasburg church, and asking Synod to ratify said action.

We recommend that such action be ratified.

C. H. ROCKY,
J. M. SCHRECKHISE,
J. R. SNAPP.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL OFFERINGS.

The following resolutions were offered and adopted :

Resolved, (1) That the pastors of the Synod be instructed to present the interests of the Sunday-school to their congregations on the first Lord's day of June of each year, or on the nearest Lord's day practicable.

(2) That the Sunday-schools of the Synod be given an opportunity on the Lord's day nearest Christmas, of making an offering for the Orphans' Home fund.

(3) That the Sunday-schools of the Synod be given an opportunity at each Easter, or on the nearest Lord's day practicable, of making an offering for Foreign Missions.

(4) That the Sunday-schools of the Synod be given the opportunity, on the Lord's day nearest possible to the anniversary of the birth of Martin Luther, to make an offering for Home Missions.

THE TREASURER.

Resolved, That the giving of bond by the Treasurer, the amount, his compensation, and the value of a bond, be referred to the President and the Executive Committee.

Resolved, That the thanks of Synod are due and are hereby tendered our present Treasurer for his efficient, gratuitous service.

Resolved, That the President of Synod be requested at the conclusion of tomorrow night's service, to return the thanks of this body to the members and friends of this church for the cordial reception and hospitable entertainment given us.

VICE-PRESIDENT.

The Rev. W. B. Oney was elected Vice-President.

ARCHIVARIUS.

The Rev. L. L. Smith was appointed Archivarius.

SPEAKERS.

Missions—Rev. W. L. Seabrook.
Ordination—Rev. W. J. Smith.
Education—Rev. J. A. Morehead.

Resolved, That the President notify the members of Synod that the first money collected be for Beneficiary Education, and within 60 days.

Adjourned. Prayer by the President.

L. L. SMITH,
Secretary of Evang. Lutheran Synod of Virginia.

MINUTES

OF THE

MINISTERIUM

OF THE

EVANG. LUTHERAN SYNOD OF VIRGINIA.

FIRST SESSION.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, NEW MARKET, VA.,
AUGUST 21, 1895.

Ministerium met pursuant to call of the President.

Two applications were made for ordination and one for licensure, and they were referred to the Examining Committee.

CHARGES AGAINST REV. J. W. S. SHEPPARD.

A paper was presented to the Ministerium of this Synod, preferring charges against Rev. J. W. S. Sheppard, by the joint council of the Middlebrook pastorate, which paper was referred to a committee for investigation.

Committee: Revs. H. F. Shealy, D. P. T. Crickenberger, E. A. Shenk, W. B. Oney, and J. M. Schreckhise.

Other important business was considered.

Adjourned.

SECOND SESSION.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, NEW MARKET, VA.,
AUGUST 23, 1895—3 P. M.

Ministerium convened. Prayer by Rev. J. M. Schreckhise.

The Ministerium had under consideration important business.

Adjourned. Benediction by Rev. W. B. Oney.

THIRD SESSION.

St. Matthew's Church, New Market, Va.,
August 24, 1895—8 A. M.

Ministerium convened. Prayer by Rev. C. H. Rocky.

The following report was read, considered by items, and adopted:

REPORT OF EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Your committee examined the diaries and sermons of Revs. P. L. Miller, E. A. Shenk, and D. W. Files, and recommend that Revs. Miller and Shenk be ordained at the Sunday evening service, and that Rev. Files's license be renewed for one year.

We recommend that R. A. Helms and W. G. Shenk be aided from our beneficiary fund for the ensuing year, the former $150.00; the latter $100.00. Respectfully submitted,

J. A. SNYDER,
W. J. SMITH,
J. M. SCHRECKHISE,
H. F. SHEALY,
Committee.

The Ministerium took action on an important item of business, the record of which is to be placed in the protocol but not in the printed Minutes.

Committee on said business: Revs. W. L. Seabrook, W. J. Smith, C. H. Rocky, and Messrs. A. Koiner and C. W. Heater.

Adjourned. Benediction by the President.

L. L. SMITH,
Secretary of Ministerium of Evang. Luth. Synod of Virginia.

DIVINE SERVICES.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, NEW MARKET, VA.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 1895.

8.00 P. M.—Sermon. Rev. L. L. Smith, Strasburg, Va.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 1895.

11.00 A. M.—Synodical Communion. Sermon by Rev. J. M. Schreckhise, Moffatt's Creek, Va.

8.00 P. M.—Sermon. Rev. W. L. Seabrook, Winchester, Va.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 1895.

8.00 P. M.—Addresses on Missions. Rev. J. A. Morehead, Richmond, Va.; Rev. J. E. Shenk, Norfolk, Va.; and Rev. L. K. Probst, Secretary.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23, 1895.

8.00 P. M.—Addresses on Education. Rev. H. F. Shealy, Staunton, Va., and Rev. Dr. F. V. N. Painter, of Roanoke College.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 1895.

8.00 P. M.—Sermon. Rev. C. B. Miller, Madison C. H., Va.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 1895.

11.00 A. M.—Sermon. Rev. Dr. F. V. N. Painter, Salem, Va.

8.00 P. M.—Sermon. Rev. C. H. Rocky, Shepherdstown, W. Va., followed by the Ordination of Revs. P. L. Miller and E. A. Shenk.

3.00 P. M.—Luther League Services. Addresses by Rev. C. H. Rocky and Rev. J. A. Morehead.

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH, NEW MARKET, VA.

11.00 A. M.—Sermon. Rev. C. H. Rocky, Shepherdstown, W. Va.

8.00 P. M.—Sermon. Rev. L. A. Fox, D. D., Salem, Va.

M. E. CHURCH SOUTH, NEW MARKET, VA.

11.00 A. M.—Sermon. Rev. W. B. Oney, Mt. Sidney, Va.

8.00 P. M.—Sermon. Rev. J. W. Strickler, Bridgewater, Va.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF VIRGINIA.

PASTOR'S NAME.	PASTORATES.	PAROCHIAL.														BENEVOLENCE.						
					LOSSES			ACCESSIONS.					FINANCES.									
		Churches.	Stations.	Prayer Meetings.	Death.	Certificate.	Excommunication.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Certificate.	Restoration.	Communicant Membership.	Estimated Value of Church Property.	Indebtedness.	Local Expenses for All Objects.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Beneficiary Education.	Woman's Miss. Soc.	Orphans' Home.	External Objects.
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W. H. Berry	Brandonville . . .	6	2	.	.	2	.	7	7	7	2	.	300	7 000	. . . .	500 00	2 50	5 00	5 00	2 50	. . .	1 60	14 00
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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

SYNOD AND MINISTERIUM OF VIRGINIA.

ADOPTED AUGUST 20-25, 1895.

CHAPTER FIRST.

OF THE SYNOD.

I.—Of the Faith.

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Virginia confesses that the Canonical Books of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, given by inspiration of the Holy Ghost, and are the clear, only, and sufficient rule of faith; that the three General Creeds,—Apostles', Nicene, and the Athanasian,—exhibit the faith of the Church universal, in accordance with this rule; that the unaltered Augsburg Confession is, in all its parts, in harmony with this rule of faith, and is a correct exhibition of its doctrine; and that the Apology, the larger and smaller Catechisms of Luther, the Smalcald Articles, and the Formula of Concord, are a faithful development and defence of the doctrines of God's Word and of the Augsburg Confession. All questions concerning the faith of the Church, *its* Ministers or Congregations, and the administration of the Word and Sacraments, shall be judged and decided according to this rule and these Confessions.

II.—Of the Membership.

This Synod shall consist of such ordained Lutheran Ministers and such congregations or pastorates, in unity with the faith defined in Article I., as are in connection with it, or shall be regularly received into its connection, as hereinafter provided.

III.—Of the Duties and Powers.

The objects, duties, and powers of this Synod are and shall be: To maintain and perpetuate the preaching of the pure Word of God and the right administration of the Holy Sacraments; to uphold proper discipline, promote good order, and foster unity of spirit, harmony of action, and charity among its members; to devise and execute plans for the education and multiplication of a godly and efficient ministry; to ordain fit men to the holy office, and to suspend or depose those who dishonor it by false teaching or a wicked life; at its

discretion, to receive and act on questions of doctrines, worship, duty, or discipline; to see that the provisions of its constitution, laws, agreements, and resolutions are duly observed; to examine and decide on charges regularly preferred against its members; to prosecute the work of missions, at home and abroad; to recommend books suitable for use in public worship and pastoral instruction; to foster institutions of learning and agencies for the relief of poverty and suffering, especially among orphans and widows, and the families of disabled or deceased clergymen; to solicit, receive, hold, and disburse funds for these and other charitable, church, and educational purposes; to receive or dismiss ministers and congregations, and institutions; and to determine its connection and relations with other ecclesiastical bodies.

CHAPTER SECOND.

OF THE DISTRIBUTION OF FUNCTIONS AND POWERS.

The exercise of the functions and powers of this Synod shall be distributed into three departments: 1. The Synod. 2. The Ministerium. 3. The District Conferences.

I.—Of the Synod.

1. The Synod shall consist of all the ministers in regular connection with it, together with all the lay-delegates duly authorized to represent the congregations or pastorates in connection with it.

2. All legislative and judicial powers shall be vested in the Synod, excepting only the examination of questions touching the qualifications, ordination, and reception of ministers, and of charges of heresy.

3. A regular meeting of Synod shall be held once in every year, at the time and place appointed; and one-third of the ministers belonging to Synod, with the lay-delegates of the Synod present, shall constitute a quorum.

4. Special meetings may be called, or the time and place of the regular meeting changed, by the President, at the request of one-fifth of the ministers, the other officers consenting; but nothing shall be transacted at a special meeting except the particular business for which it was called.

II.—Of the Ministerium.

1. The ordained members of the Synod shall constitute the Ministerium.

2. To the Ministerium shall belong the duty of examining the qualifications of applicants for reception or ordination, and charges of heresy in doctrine: but no other business shall be transacted by the

Ministerium, except such as the Synod may refer to it. But this shall not be so construed as to prevent it from holding a colloquium at any time.

3. The Ministerium shall hold its sessions in connection with the annual meeting of the Synod: Special meetings are subject to the same regulations as for the meetings of Synod; and one-third of the ministers belonging to the Synod shall constitute a quorum.

4. At each annual meeting of the Synod the first regular session of the Ministerium shall be called when the committee to examine applicants for ordination or admission into the Synod is prepared to report. Other sessions during the annual meeting of Synod, may be called by the President, or otherwise determined, according to necessity.

III.—Of the District Conferences.

1. The District Conferences shall consist of the ministers of this Synod, located within a given territory, as from time to time determined by Synod, together with a duly accredited lay-delegate from each congregation within the aforesaid territory.

2. Every minister belonging to the Synod, residing within the bounds of a Conference, shall by virtue of these facts belong to that Conference; and if any portion of a pastorate is not within the boundary lines of a Conference District, the place at which the pastor resides shall determine to which Conference he and his pastorate belong.

3. Each Conference shall meet at least twice in each year, and as much oftener as circumstances may require; and one-third of the ministers belonging to a Conference, together with the lay-delegates present, shall constitute a quorum.

4. Special meetings may be called by the President of Synod, the President of Conference, or as may be otherwise determined by Conference itself.

5. The work and office of the District Conferences shall be, to give attention to the local interests of the churches within their bounds; to assist in carrying out the regulations and resolves of Synod; to constitute new charges and aid in the supply of vacant congregations with the means of grace; to examine and *decide* in cases of discipline and of appeals from decisions of Church Councils; to consider and look after Mission Fields, and recommend to the Board of Missions points of importance or in need of aid; to consider and discuss theological, exegetical, pastoral and practical questions for instruction and edification; and to attend to such other duties within their territories as may be assigned to them from time to time by Synod.

6. Each Conference shall at its first regular meeting after the Annual Convention of Synod elect a President, whose duties shall be such as pertain to the office of chairman of a deliberative body.

7. In recommendations to vacant congregations or pastorates, or in cases of trouble in congregation or pastorate, requiring official attention, the President of Conference shall give his assistance and advice, but he shall first confer with the President of Synod.

8. The President of each Conference shall make a written report of all his official acts, with an abstract of the proceedings of Conference, stating also the condition and wants of the Church within its bounds, and shall transmit the same to the President of Synod at least three weeks preceding the annual meeting of Synod.

9. Each Conference shall have a Secretary, whose duty shall be to give due notice of each and every meeting, to keep and preserve a regular and accurate record of its proceedings, in a book kept for that purpose, and bring the same to the annual meeting of Synod.

10. Each Conference shall also have a Treasurer to receive and disburse funds at its disposal; but no Conference shall have control of any funds of Synod, or make appropriations of them.

11. A Conference may adopt for itself any rules and regulations not in conflict with this Constitution and these By-Laws; but all proceedings of each Conference shall at all times be subject to the revision of Synod.

CHAPTER THIRD.

OF THE OFFICERS.

1. The officers of this Synod shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. They shall be elected at the opening of the annual meeting of Synod.

2. The term of office shall be for one year, but the same persons are re-eligible.

3. When officers are elected they shall at once enter upon their duties, except the Treasurer, who shall first comply with the requirement of Section 2, prescribing the duties of the Treasurer

4. These officers shall be entitled to the necessary expenses incident to the duties of their offices, and to such remuneration as the Synod shall from time to time deem just, and direct to be paid.

5. All officers of Synod and of the Conferences shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

I.—Of the President.

1. The President shall preside at all the meetings of Synod, and it shall be his duty to see that the Constitution, laws, and decisions of

Synod are duly obeyed, and its resolutions carried into effect. It is an important part of his duty to give counsel to every member of Synod when he deems it expedient, and particularly to advise and admonish every erring brother. If he has good reason to believe that any minister is living in material violation of the Constitution, it is his duty to call upon the individual to relieve his character from said imputation before Synod.

2. It shall pertain to the President to attend to, or make appointments of Committees for, the installation of pastors, the laying of corner-stones, and the consecration of churches; and to him shall all applications for such purposes be made; but he may refer such applications to the President of Conference to be attended to by him.

3. At the opening of each annual meeting of Synod, he shall deliver a Synodical Sermon; or if unable to fulfill this duty, he shall appoint another member to preach in his stead.

4. In connection with the pastor of the Church in which Synod convenes, he shall designate the persons to fill all appointments not otherwise provided for.

5. He shall present a written report of all his official acts during Synodical year; also of any important events that have transpired in, or with reference to Synod, the condition of its various interests, together with any suggestions or recommendations which he may deem important to the Church, that the whole may be submitted to the consideration of Synod.

6. At any time during the sessions of Synod that the President may desire temporarily to vacate the chair he may do so by requesting the Vice-President, or some other person, to take his place.

II.—Of the Vice-President.

1. Should the President resign, depart this life, cease connection with Synod, remove beyond its limits; or be disabled from the duties of his office, then the Vice-President shall exercise all the rights and functions of the office of President during the remainder of the term of office for which he was elected.

2. Should the Secretary resign, depart this life, remove from the Synod, or be disabled from duty during the interval between its meetings, the Vice-President shall take charge of the Secretary's books, papers, &c., until a regular Secretary shall be elected; and until such election he shall discharge all the duties of Secretary.

III.—Of the Secretary.

1. The Secretary shall be specially charged with all the duties of the office; but upon his nomination an Assistant Secretary may be

appointed, who shall perform such parts of the Secretary's work as he may assign him.

2. He shall prepare and always keep on hand a correct register of the ministers belonging to the Synod with the dates of their entrance into the ministry, and postoffice address; also a similar register of the charges and congregations connected with the Synod, with the names of the pastors serving them, and of the lay-delegates appointed to represent them.

3. He shall keep faithful and accurate records of all the proceedings of Synod when in Synodical or Ministerial Session, and shall read the same when called for, especially at the opening of each morning session after the first, and at the conclusion of the last, that the same may be corrected and approved.

4. He shall keep on hand a full series of printed minutes of Synod, and bring the same to the meetings of Synod for official reference. He shall perform all the public correspondence of this body, not otherwise provided for, relative to the general interests of the Church, and particularly of this Synod. He shall also make a minute of all important matters which may be communicated to him by letter, or in the minutes of other Synods, which he shall present to Synod at its regular meeting in the form of a report.

5. He shall have charge of the printing of the minutes and the distribution of the same, as the Synod shall direct.

6. He shall prepare all required official papers or documents, and deliver them duly certified by his official signature to the President, and shall in like manner keep and attest the protocol.

7. At the conclusion of each meeting of the Synod, he shall classify and arrange all important papers or documents placed or left in his hands, and transmit the same to the Archivarius, to be deposited in the Archives, together with a list of what is so deposited. He shall also send to the Archivarius not less than five copies of the published minutes as soon as issued each year.

The time and place of the annual meeting shall be published by the Secretary, in one or more church papers in circulation in the Synod for four weeks preceding the meeting: the same also for special meetings, at least two weeks prior to the intended meeting, designating the particular business to be transacted at such special meeting.

8. Should the Vice-President resign, die, cease connection with Synod, or be disabled from attention to the duties of his office, the Secretary shall exercise all rights and functions of the office until his successor has been elected.

IV.—Of the Treasurer.

1. The Treasurer shall have charge of all the money and accounts

of the Synod, its deeds, mortgages, contracts, and evidences of claims and revenues.

2. On entering upon his office, he shall give bond and security to the President of Synod for the faithful performance of his duties, in such amount as the President and the Executive Committee shall determine.

3. He shall be responsible for the safe custody of all funds and evidences of interest and indebtedness belonging to Synod, and shall hold the same at all times subject to its order.

4. He shall receive all contributions, donations, legacies, and bequests, made to Synod, collect all dues, and pay all appropriations and orders according to the will of Synod.

An order from the President, attested by the Secretary, on the Treasurer, or a resolution of Synod, shall be a sufficient voucher for him to pay any money out of the Treasury.

5. He shall keep a separate account of the money designed for each special purpose, and annually render a full, detailed, and accurate report to Synod of all receipts and disbursements pertaining to the several accounts in his hands, which report shall be duly audited.

6. Should the Treasurer resign, die, remove from the Synod, or be disabled from the discharge of his duties, during the interim between the meetings of Synod, the President shall call a meeting of the Executive Committee, which shall elect a Treasurer *pro tempore;* and the Treasurer thus appointed, according to Secs. 2 and 3, shall fulfill all the duties and obligations of a regularly elected Treasurer, and the President shall take the necessary steps to secure the delivery to him of all moneys, papers, and accounts of the Synod in the possession of the previous Treasurer.

CHAPTER FOURTH.

OF VOTERS AND ELECTIONS.

1. Each minister belonging to this Synod, and each lay-delegate accredited as representative of a congregation or a charge connected with this Synod, shall be equally entitled to a voice and vote on every question to be decided by Synod.

2. All regular elections shall be by ballot.

3. When an election is to be held, the President shall announce it, and appoint three tellers who shall receive and count the ballots, and report the result.

4. When a President, Vice-President, Secretary, or Treasurer of

Synod or of a Conference is elected, a majority of the votes cast shall be necessary to an election.

5. In all other elections, the persons receiving the highest number of the votes cast shall be declared elected, provided that said number does not fall below one-third of the number of votes.

6. In elections requiring principals and alternates, the former shall be elected first, and the latter by a separate ballot afterwards.

7. With the unanimous consent of the Synod, or a Conference, these requirements may be suspended, and an individual member may be authorized to cast the unanimous vote of Synod or Conference for a specified person or persons.

CHAPTER FIFTH.

OF COMMITTEES.

I.—The Executive Committee.

1. There shall be an Executive Committee of the Synod, consisting of three clerical and two lay members, to be elected at each annual meeting of Synod.

2. The Executive Committee shall hold two regular meetings during the year, the first at the adjournment of the annual meeting of Synod, and the other six months thereafter. Three members shall constitute a quorum. Special meetings may be called at any time by the chairman of the Executive Committee.

3. The Executive Committee shall have charge of the appropriation of money during the interim of Synod, for the assistance of candidates for the ministry pursuing their education.

4. It shall decide in the interim of Synod upon applications of candidates for the ministry for aid from Synod, and shall have the directions of the studies, and oversight of the conduct and progress of those receiving aid in preparing for the service of the Church, according to the regulations prescribed by Synod from time to time.

5. It shall have special charge of any mission or missionary under the control of Synod, and such missionary shall make monthly reports to it of the condition and progress of the work in his pastorate.

6. The Executive Committee shall have power to elect its own Chairman and Secretary and all necessary sub-committees from among its members for the performance of its duties.

7. The Executive Committee shall make report at each annual meeting of Synod of all its doings during the year, of the students and missions if any, under its care, of the appropriations and expenditures it has made, with such recommendations to Synod as it shall deem important in the department of its work.

8. All money intended for the education of young men for the ministry, not already appropriated by Synod, shall be at the disposal of the Executive Committee, and their order on the Treasurer shall be a sufficient warrant for the payment of the same.

II.—Of the Examining Committee.

1. The President, at the conclusion of each annual meeting of Synod, shall appoint a Committee of not less than three discreet and well qualified clergymen to serve as the Examining Committee for the ensuing year.

2. If any member thus appointed decline to serve, he shall give timely notice to the President, who, in such case, shall appoint another to fill the vacancy; and in case of the disability, death, or unavoidable absence of any member, the President shall designate some other to serve in his stead.

3. The duty of this Committee shall be to examine into the qualifications and fitness of applicants for ordination; also to confer with, and examine credentials of all ordained ministers who apply for admission into this body, as provided in Chapter VII., and report the result at the first session of the Ministerium during the annual meeting of Synod.

4. When the Examining Committee is satisfied that the requirements of this Constitution and By-Laws are fulfilled in the case of any applicant, it shall recommend his ordination or reception; but in no case shall it recommend an applicant of whose fitness or qualifications it is not satisfied.

CHAPTER SIXTH.

OF THE EXAMINATION AND RECEPTION OF MEMBERS.

I.—Of the Reception of Ministers.

1. All applications for ordination, or reception of ministers into this Synod from other denominations, shall be made to the President, and shall by him be referred to the Examining Committee, who shall report on the same at the first session of the Ministerium, or as soon thereafter as practicable. And upon the recommendation of two-thirds of the ministers present, the final decision shall be made by the Synod.

2. Each candidate applying for ordination must be of good natural ability, and give satisfactory evidence of Christian character and life, as well as of attainment in knowledge and grace; and no one shall be ordained without being examined as to his fitness, qualifications for, and call to the Holy Ministry.

3. The examination of candidates for ordination, besides the practical mastery of the language or languages in which they expect to preach, shall include Biblical Introduction; Apologetics; Exegesis of the Old and New Testaments—Hebrew and Greek; Doctrinal and Moral Theology; Church History; History of Doctrines, Homiletics; Catechetics; Pastoral Theology; Personal Religion, and motives for seeking the Holy Office.

4. No exception to this rule, or abatement of these requirements shall be made, except only in special cases in which the applicant is, by general qualifications, eminently fitted to be useful in the ministry, and engages to use his diligence in acquiring a knowledge of those subjects in which he is deficient.

5. The examination shall be made by the Examining Committee, but shall be open to all members of the Ministerium who wish to be present.

6. When the Examining Committee has reported favorably in the case of candidates before them, the vote shall be taken on the question of the approval of each applicant, and if two-thirds of the ministers present be favorable to a candidate, he shall be recommended to the Synod for ordination by the officers of the Ministerium; and when ordained he shall be a regular member thereof, and an attested certificate of his ordination shall be given him.

7. Any regularly ordained minister of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, whether ordained in this or some foreign country, who may apply for admission into this Synod, shall furnish satisfactory evidence of his ordination, and of his good and unblemished Christian character.

8. Any minister of other than Lutheran connection, who may apply for membership in this Synod, shall be subject to the same regulations; and the ministers present shall determine what further, if anything, is expedient or necessary, in view of his previous connections.

9. When Synod has decided to receive ordained ministers into connection with it, the Examining Committee shall present them to the President, who shall announce to them the decision in their case, and by subscribing to the Constitution and By-Laws they shall become members in full of this Synod.

10. When Synod has decided to admit applicants to ordination, they shall in like manner be presented to the President, who shall announce to them the decision in their case, inform them of the time when their ordination to the Holy Ministry shall take place, admonish them to due solemnity and earnestness in taking upon them the obligation and duties of ambassadors of the Lord Jesus Christ, and by their ordination, and subscribing the Constitution and By-Laws, they shall become members in full of this Synod.

11. The ordination services shall consist of a regular Church service, the preaching of an ordination sermon, and the act of ordination by the laying on of hands according to the prescribed order in the Book of Worship.

II.—Of the Reception of Congregations.

Any congregation which maintains a Constitution in accord with the doctrinal basis of this Synod as defined in Chapter First, Article I., may become an integral part of Synod on application to it, or to the Conference within the bounds of which such congregation is located, by presenting a copy of its Constitution, and sending a delegate to represent it; and a majority of the votes of Synod or Conference at any regular meeting shall suffice for its reception.

CHAPTER SEVENTH.

OF MINISTERS.

1. Ministerial members of this body become such by ordination or transfer, as provided in *Chapter Sixth.* They become pastors by being regularly called, and by being entrusted with the care of a congregation or pastorate.

2. Every minister belonging to this Ministerium shall conform, in his preaching and teaching, to the Confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. It shall be the duty of every pastor to preach the Word, and administer the sacraments; to care for and be an example and guide to the flock over which the Holy Ghost hath made him overseer; to give Catechetical Instruction to the young, and to candidates for Church membership; confirm, visit the sick, bury the dead, install regularly elected members of the Church Council, and, together with the Council, administer discipline, oversee Sunday and other schools belonging to the congregation, and use his best endeavors to extend and build up the Church in the community in which he is located as pastor.

3. Every pastor shall keep accurate parochial records of baptisms and confirmations; of members received, dismissed, deceased, or excommunicated; together with the names of all communicant members belonging to his pastorate. The records of each congregation shall be kept in separate books, and these books shall be and remain the property of the congregation; but an abstract of them shall be annually reported to the Synod for insertion in the table of Parochial Reports.

4. It should be the aim of each pastor to confine his ministrations to one congregation, or to the smallest number of congregations circumstances will allow, that divine service may be held in each congregation on each Lord's Day. Where large pastorates exist, consisting

of so many congregations as to render this impossible, the pastors should encourage the members of such congregations to make better provision for their spiritual wants and those of their children; and both pastors and people shall earnestly co-operate with each other, and with the Synod, in securing divisions into smaller pastorates.

5. Every pastor shall diligently endeavor to increase the interest of his pastorate in the progress and development of the Church, the manifestation of enterprise, liberality, and charity, especially in church extension, beneficiary education, home and foreign missions, provision for widows and orphans, the circulation and reading of the Scriptures, good books and publications of the Church, and the bringing forward of young men for the Holy Ministry.

6. No minister of this Synod shall be permitted to preach or perform any ministerial act within the pastorate of a brother minister, except at his request, or with his consent; nor shall he be permitted to visit and perform ministerial acts in a vacant pastorate except by invitation or permission of the Church Council, or by the advice or consent of the President of Synod or Conference. Otherwise he shall be subject to discipline.

7. Every minister receiving and accepting a call to a pastorate belonging to the Synod, shall inform the President of the fact; but no pastor shall be installed until he has been regularly received into Synod, except with the written consent of the President of Synod or Conference, which consent may be given if the minister belong to a Synod connected with the general body with which this Synod is connected.

8. Should a pastor deem it his duty to resign his pastorate, he shall duly inform the Church Council before vacating his place; and he shall report the same to the President of Synod.

Whenever a minister has taken charge of a regular pastorate, he shall be restricted to the same, and not resign a part without resigning the whole pastorate, and no call to a pastorate shall be considered valid unless it proceeds from the whole pastorate, embracing a two-thirds vote of the congregational meeting of the constitutional electors present in said meeting.

9. Should a minister belonging to this Synod, for any cause find himself constrained to demit the regular duties of the ministry, and to cease ministerial activity, he shall remain a member of this Synod; but engagement in any business or office foreign to the nature of the ministry, or incompatible with it, shall be sufficient reason why he should not be continued on the list of ministers.

10. If any minister in good and regular standing desires to move from the bounds of this Synod in order to enter a field of labor within some Synod in the same fellowship of faith with this body, he shall,

upon application, be entitled to a certificate of honorable dismission, which the President shall furnish him; but any minister so dismissed shall be amenable to this body until formally received into the Synod to which he has been dismissed. But if the request for dismission be to connect with a body not in doctrinal accord with this Synod, the President shall give no certificate.

11. All ministers belonging to this Synod are required to attend all its Synodical and Ministerial Sessions and the meetings of the Conferences to which they belong, from commencement to end; and nothing but urgent necessity or positive inability to attend shall be regarded as a valid excuse for absence. In case of unavoidable absence the absentee shall send to the meeting an account of the reason for his absence, that he may be regularly excused; and repeated absence without excuse shall subject the offender to discipline.

12. It shall be the duty of all the ministers belonging to this Synod to exercise and cherish the spirit of respect, brotherly love, and good fellowship, one toward another, as laborers together in the same vineyard, children of the same Father, and servants of the Lord Jesus Christ, in whom standeth each one's salvation.

CHAPTER EIGHTH.

OF CONGREGATIONS.

1. It shall be the duty of the Council of every congregation belonging to this Synod to elect a delegate to represent it in the meetings of Synod, but each pastorate shall be entitled to but one vote in the decision of any question. It shall be the duty of the Council of every congregation or church to appoint a delegate to represent it in the meetings of Conference.

2. Delegates sent to represent pastorates or congregations must be regular communicant members. They shall have the same rights and privileges as ministers on the floor of Synod and Conference, their election being duly certified by the Secretary of the Council, and by the presiding officer.

3. The election of a delegate to Synod shall hold for one year; but delegates to Conference may be elected for each meeting, unless otherwise arranged by the pastorates appointing them.

4. Every congregation belonging to Synod, as it has a share in all legislation, shall be dutiful to Synod's Constitution and recommendations, and endeavor to conform to them and carry them into effect.

5. It shall be the duty of each congregation belonging to Synod to make annual contributions to its Treasury, and to make arrangements by which every member shall have opportunity to give according to ability to the various benevolent operations of Synod.

6. It shall be the duty of each congregation to make due and lib-

eral provision for the support of the Gospel and the ministration of the Word and Sacraments among its own members, to endeavor to arrange for at least one service every Lord's Day, to see that the pastor whom it has called be properly supported, according to 1 Cor. 9, 7–14, and to make necessary provision for the instruction of the young, that they may grow up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

7. In cases of vacancy, difficulty, or strife in Congregations, Church Councils should not act precipitately, but seek the instruction and advice of the President of Conference or Synod.

8. Each congregation belonging to this Synod should endeavor to conform its public worship and ministrations to the recommendations of Synod.

9. Should any portion of a congregation belonging to this Synod reject the faith of the Evangelical Lutheran Church as set forth in her Confessions, that part of said congregation which remains faithful to this faith and its connection with this Synod shall be recognized as the real congregation.

10. No one or more congregations composing a part of a regular pastorate, shall at pleasure, or through the influence of a disaffected party, dismiss their pastor without the consent of the whole pastorate by obtaining a majority of the votes in said pastorate, nor then if the salary has not been paid in full.

11. If any congregation in this Synod shall, without our consent, employ as its pastor, a minister who has been expelled from any ecclesiastical body, or who is not acknowledged by this Synod, it shall be excluded from our connection, if it persists in such a course.

CHAPTER NINTH.

OF DISCIPLINE.

I.—Of Offences.

The offences for which members of this Synod shall be subject to discipline, are:

1. With reference to purity of doctrine;—denial of any doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures, and set forth in the Confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church;—the holding, preaching, and public teaching of heresy.

2. With reference to purity of life.

3. With reference to the Government and Order of the Church;—disregard and violation of the Constitution and requirements of the Synod.

II.—Of Penalties.

1. *As respects Ministers.* The penalties that may be imposed are:

(*a*) Private censure and admonition of the President of Conference or Synod.

(*b*) Public censure and admonition in any session of the Conference or Synod.

(*c*) Suspension from the office and functions of the ministry for a designated period, or until after satisfactory evidence of repentance and amendment.

(*d*) Expulsion from the Synod.

(*e*) Deposition from the ministerial office.

2. *As respects Congregations.* Should any Congregation belonging to this Synod turn away from the Confession or Faith of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, or violate the Constitution and requirements of Synod, and persist in such disloyalty after proper endeavors of the President, Conference, or Synod to restore it, Synod may exclude it from membership.

III.—Of Processes Against a Minister.

1. If serious accusation be lodged against a minister before a Church Council by three members in good standing in the congregation, the Council shall confer with him about the same, and endeavor to obviate all just cause of complaint, and to reconcile all parties; nor shall any further steps be taken until all proper efforts to this end on the part of the Church Council have been exhausted.

2. If, upon credible testimony, or from their own knowledge in the case, a minister is believed to be guilty of any of the offences before named; the Church Council shall report his case to the President of Synod; but the charges must be in writing, must be specific, and must be founded on the testimony of two or three credible witnesses, and signed by them, and a copy of the charges shall be immediately forwarded by the President to the accused.

3. If a minister be charged with some specific sin, not in the manner aforesaid, but by notorious rumor, which is not transient, but continues and strengthens, and is accompanied with strong presumption of guilt, the Church Council shall endeavor to remove the scandal; and if they fail, or find evidences of guilt, they shall report the case to the President of Synod.

4. If accusations against a member of this Synod be lodged with the President by a Church Council, or by three members of Synod, he shall at once communicate with the accused respecting it: and, if the accused should desire an investigation, or if the state of the case be such as to call for it, the President, with the advice and consent of the President of the Conference to which the accused belongs shall order an investigation by the Conference, or by a competent Committee, and cite the accused to appear before it to answer with refer-

ence to the matter. And it shall be brought to Synod only after Conference has been unable to dispose of the case.

5. When such an investigation is appointed, a copy of the complaints against the accused shall be furnished him, allowing him not less than ten days between the time of his citation and the time appointed for the hearing; and if the accused should refuse or fail to appear without presenting adequate reasons why the investigation should be deferred to another time, it shall proceed the same as though he were present.

6. If the findings in such an investigation show gross immorality, or flagitious transgression, the same shall at once be reported to the President of Synod, who shall, with the concurrence of the President of the Conference to which the accused belongs, immediately suspend him from the office and functions of the ministry until his case shall be finally decided by the Synod.

7. If the findings are of a character to demand no higher penalty than that of private censure and admonition by the President of Conference, or public censure and admonition before Conference, the same shall be administered without further proceedings; but should they be of a more serious character, besides reporting the case to the President of Synod, the Conference or Committee making the investigation shall formulate the charges and specifications against the accused, and present the same to the President of Synod, who shall furnish a copy to the accused not less than twenty days before the meeting of Synod, at the same time citing him to appear at said meeting for a final hearing and decision of his case.

8. Both in the investigation and the final trial of charges against a minister, all relevant testimony shall be heard, and in the presence of the accused, if he desire it. He shall also have the right and opportunity of being fully heard in his own defence; but he shall not be allowed to appear and defend himself by legal counsel before the Committee, Conference, or Synod; nor shall legal counsel be used against him.

If accusation against a minister be made immediately to Synod, if Synod believes that it is not in possession of all the evidence necessary to a just decision, Synod shall refer the matter to the Conference of which the accused is a member, or appoint a Committee to make the investigation.

9. After the hearing of the charge, the testimony, and the defence of the accused, the question shall be taken on which and how many of the charges and specifications the accused is guilty or not guilty. If the majority shall decide that he is not guilty, the President shall at once announce to him the decision. If the majority shall declare him guilty on the evidence presented, the Synod shall determine

which of the penalties before enumerated shall be imposed upon him ; and the President shall pronounce the sentence in the presence of the body, and if possible also in the presence of the person adjudged guilty ; and a copy of the sentence shall be given him.

10. The proceedings in a case of discipline shall not be published, in part or in whole, before the final decision is reached, and the result officially declared.

11. No minister or layman under discipline or sentence of suspension, shall hold any office of Synod, or serve as Delegate, Director, or Trustee under its appointment so long as he is under discipline or suspension ; and every Committee, Board, Delegation, or body of appointees, constituted by this Synod, shall see to the enforcement of this rule.

The connection between a pastorate and a suspended minister shall immediately cease, and it shall be the duty of the President to notify the council that it has been vacated.

12. It shall be the duty of all pastors and congregations belonging to this Synod to respect the disciplinary action of Synod, and of one another ; and for any pastor or congregation to set aside or disregard any such disciplinary action shall be deemed a violation of order, and shall subject the offender to discipline.

13. In case of strife between ministers, or between a minister and his pastorate, or between members thereof, which the Church Council cannot remedy, complaint may be made to the President of Synod, who shall confer with the parties and endeavor to heal the trouble. If unsuccessful, and the matter in his judgment requires official adjudication, he shall report it to the Conference to act in the case ; but an appeal from the decision of the Conference may be taken to synod.

IV.—Of Appeals.

1. A minister may appeal from the decision of a Conference to Synod, provided such appeal be taken within two months of such decision ; it must be in writing, and be presented to the President at least twenty days before the meeting at which action is proposed to be taken upon it, who shall cause the President and members of the Conference to be notified of its presentation and contents.

2. If a member of a congregation should feel aggrieved and wronged by the decision of the Church Council, in a case of discipline, an appeal from it may be made to the Conference to which the congregation belongs, provided that it be made within thirty days after the action complained of. The appeal must be in writing and set forth the grounds on which it is based, and must be presented to the President of Conference at least ten days before any meeting at which action is taken upon it ; and in that case it shall be the President's

duty to cause a copy of the appeal to be furnished at once to the President of the Church Council concerned. In all cases of appeal from a decision of the Church Council, the appeal vacates the judgment.

3. The Conference may hear the case of an appeal as a body, or refer the hearing of it to a competent Committee; but the investigation shall be confined to the constitutionality of the proceedings, the original charges and the justice of the sentence. The same provisions and rules prescribed for conducting the trial of a minister, except as herein otherwise provided, shall obtain also in this instance.

4. When a Conference has decided upon such a case of appeal it shall not be re-opened for a further hearing except on points of error in the proceedings, which may be appealed to Synod for decision; and when such points of error have been decided by Synod, if against the Conference, the case shall go back to the Conference for the necessary correction.

CHAPTER TENTH.

OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Each regular meeting of the Synod shall begin with the prescribed morning service, in connection with the sermon by the President or by some minister appointed by him to perform this duty, and include the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

2. The Synod shall be formally opened by the President, assisted by the other clerical officers, at the time and place appointed, and be closed at the final session, according to the prescribed order. Other sessions shall be opened and closed with devotional service, conducted by the President, or such person as he may appoint for the purpose.

3. The Secretary shall call the names of all the ministers belonging to Synod, and note the absentees.

4. The Secretary shall call the roll of charges, and the lay-delegates presenting satisfactory credentials shall be enrolled as members of Synod.

5. The officers shall read their annual reports.

6. Officers for the ensuing year shall be elected.

7. The admission of delegates, or ministers, from other ecclesiastical bodies, advisory members, and courteous recognition of ministers of other denominations.

The report of the Ministerial Session on recommendation of ministers for reception, or of candidates for ordination, shall be received whenever ready for presentation.

8. The presentation of all papers intended for Synod.

9. The Executive Committee's Report shall be read.

10. The President shall appoint the following Standing Committees:

(1). On President's Report.
(2). On State of the Church.
(3). On Literary Institutions and Education.
(4). On Report of Executive Committee.
(5). On Missions.
(6). On Minutes and Unfinished Business.
(7). On Reports and Proceedings of Conferences.
(8). On Petitions and Excuses of absent members.
(9). On Vacancies.
(10). Appropriations and Apportionment.
(11). On Pastoral Districts.

11. Reports on the State of the Church and handing Financial and Parochial Reports to the Secretary.

12. The afternoon or evening of the second business day shall be devoted to the cause of Beneficiary Education, and that of the third day to Missions, as required according to By-Laws 16 and 11.

13. Report of Delegates to the General Body.

14. Report of Delegates to other Ecclesiastical Bodies.

15. Report of the Archivarius.

16. Reports of Standing Committees, or other Committees, from this point on, may be heard at the pleasure of Synod.

17. Election of Delegates to the General Bodies.

18. Appointment of Archivarius.

19. Appointment of speakers for special subjects at next meeting.

20. Election of Executive Committee.

21. Appointment of Examining Committee by the President.

22. Miscellaneous Business.

23. Electing time and place for next Annual Meeting.

24. President's approval of Minutes.

25. Synod shall be closed according to the form in the Book of Worship.

CHAPTER ELEVENTH.

OF THE ARCHIVES.

1. The Synod shall have common archives for all its proceedings, whether in Synodical or Ministerial Sessions, or the District Conferences. They shall be kept and preserved at a safe place determined by Synod, and shall not be removed except by its authority.

2. In the Archives shall be carefully preserved full sets of the printed Minutes of Synod; also the Protocol; also the books of the Minutes of Conferences, which the Secretaries of the Conferences shall place in the hands of the Archivarius as said books become filled up; also all important letters, papers, documents, memorials, complaints,

&c., presented at the sessions of Synod or Conferences, together with all official answers, opinions, and proceedings upon the same; also all memoirs or biographical notices of deceased members of Synod presented at its meetings.

3. Synod shall annually appoint an Archivarius, or keeper of the Archives, who shall have charge of the same, keep them in order, see to their proper preservation, make annual report to Synod upon their condition, and carry out the will of Synod respecting them. He shall continue in office until his successor has been appointed.

4. No paper or record belonging to the Archives shall be given or destroyed, nor be loaned out by the Archivarius, except by authority of the President.

5. Every member of Synod shall have free access to the Archives and permission may be given to proper persons to consult the same for historical information; but access to the Archives shall not be permitted in any case except in the presence of the Archivarius, his assistant, or one of the officers of Synod.

CHAPTER TWELFTH.

OF THE SEAL AND OF THIS CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

1. The Seal of this Synod presents the Lamb of God, with glory round his head, standing upon the open Bible, bearing a banner on which is inscribed the word "Pax," and whose staff terminates in the passion-flower. On the inner margin are the words: "Christo duce, Verbo Luce." Just under the Lamb is the Seal of Luther. The Seal has on the outer margin: "Sigillium Synodi. Ecclesiæ Evan. Lutheranæ Virginiensis."

2. The Seal shall be in the charge of the Secretary of Synod, who shall affix it, or cause it to be affixed, to all documents, certificates, deeds, legal papers, or official copies of resolutions, requiring the seal of Synod.

3. Everything in any Resolutions, Enactments, Constitution or By-Laws of this Synod, or of its Conferences, differing from or in conflict with this Constitution and By-Laws, is hereby superseded, repealed, and of none effect.

4. The provisions and ordinances contained in this Constitution and By-Laws, so far as the same are severally applicable, shall be of like force in the government of Synod, the Ministerium, and the District Conferences.

5. This, the Constitution and By-Laws of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Virginia, shall not be altered, amended, added to or diminished, except by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at a regular annual meeting, and provided that such proposed alteration or amendment be moved and presented at a previous annual meeting.

CHAPTER THIRTEENTH.

OF RULES OF ORDER.

I.—Duties and Privileges of the President.

1. The President shall conduct all business according to the Constitution and Rules of Order, and Laws of Synod, and insist upon the observance of the same on the part of every member; and shall promptly and firmly call to order any member who violates any rule of order.

2. He shall have the right to speak on points of order in preference to all others, and shall decide all questions of order; an appeal, if seconded, may be moved from his decision to the body, and in that case all remarks, except for explanation, shall cease until the vote is taken on the question, "Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the house?"

3. He shall call up all items of business in their appointed order, see that every matter before the body is duly considered and understood before a decision is made, and endeavor to conduct the same to a speedy and proper result.

4. He may take part in the discussion of any subject before the body; but in doing so he shall surrender the Chair to the Vice-President, or in his absence, appoint some one to occupy it for the time.

5. When a matter before the body is clearly understood, and no one desires to speak further upon it, or the body has decided to close debate, he shall take the vote upon it by calling for the *ayes* and *noes*. In case of doubt as to the vote, or if a division be called for, he shall call upon the *ayes* and *noes* in succession to stand up until counted; or if three members request it, the roll shall be called, and the *ayes* and *noes* recorded on the Minutes.

6. In all elections by ballot the President shall have the right of suffrage; but in no other case, except the house be equally divided on any question, when he shall decide.

7. When an election is to be held by ballot, he shall name the Tellers, and also appoint all committees not otherwise provided for.

II.—Of Motions.

1. A matter to be properly before the body must be presented by report, proposition, or resolution, *moved*, seconded, and distinctly repeated.

2. All important propositions or motions must be presented in writing, and when seconded shall at once be placed in the hands of the Secretary as the property of the body.

3. When a motion is made and seconded, if objection be made to the consideration of it, the question shall be put to vote: "Shall it be

considered and discussed?" and if the decision be in the negative, the motion can not be entertained.

4. When a motion made and seconded has in it two or more points capable of separation, the questions, at the request of any member, shall be divided, and the vote taken on each point separately.

5. A motion or proposition before the body may, at any time during the discussion of it, be withdrawn by the mover, provided no objection be made to such withdrawal. The body may also volunteer its permission to the mover to withdraw his motion, which shall be equivalent to a refusal further to consider it.

6. Amendments to any motion or proposition before the body are always in order, whether to strike out, add to, or change any part, or to present a substitute for the whole; provided, that the substitute or amendment be germane to the subject, and that the amendment proposed does not go beyond an amendment to an amendment.

7. When the question has been taken on any motion or proposition it is disposed of, and no further discussion shall be allowed, but if it be manifest that there has been a mistake, the vote may be retaken at the time, or any member who voted with the majority may move a reconsideration, which, if agreed to, re-opens the whole subject as at the point when the vote upon it was taken.

8. When a motion is made and carried which involves the appointment of a Committee, it shall not follow as a matter of right that the mover be made chairman of the Committee, or even a member of it.

9. When a motion is made for the appointment of a Committee the mover may suggest names of persons to be placed upon it; but it shall not be in order for him to insert the names in his resolution or motion, except when the President, and other officers, are desired to constitute the said Committee.

III.—Of Privileged and Other Questions.

1. When a question is before the body and under discussion, no motion shall be in order except a motion:

(1.) To adjourn; (2.) To lay on the table; (3.) To close debate; (4.) To postpone indefinitely; (5.) To postpone to a definite time; (6.) To refer; (7.) To amend; (8.) To substitute.

On either of the first four motions the question shall be taken without debate.

All these motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are here given; but any one of them may be made at any stage of the discussion.

2. A motion to adjourn is always in order except when a member is speaking, or when a vote is being taken.

3. A motion to refer or to amend shall preclude debate on the main

question until the question of reference or amendment has been decided.

4. When a motion to lay on the table, or to postpone indefinitely, has been passed, the matter shall not again be called up during that meeting.

5. In the filling of blanks, the largest sum, the highest number, or the longest time named, shall be voted on first; and names shall be voted on in the order in which they are proposed.

6. When a decision has been reached on any motion or proposition, it shall not be called up again at the same meeting, except on motion to reconsider, made and seconded by members who voted with the majority, but no motion to reconsider shall be entertained unless the parties concerned be still present.

IV.—Of Committees and their Reports.

1. The person first named on a Committee shall be the Chairman thereof, who shall convene the Committee at such time and place as the Committee may agree upon.

2. Committees shall use all diligence to have their reports ready in due time, and shall be signed by a majority of the members.

3. When, in addition to the report of the majority of a Committee, there is also a report of the minority, the former shall be read first, and laid on the table until the latter has also been read, when either shall be taken up as, on motion, the body may decide.

4. A report when read shall be before the body for consideration, and shall be acted upon according to the pleasure of the house. It may be adopted as a whole, or item by item, altered, amended, recommitted, referred, or laid on the table; but when, or in whatever form it is adopted, it becomes the expression and action of the body.

5. When a report or a series of propositions has been adopted, item by item, and all proposed amendments or changes have been decided, the question shall then be taken on its adoption as a whole; and if, on such final vote, the majority be not in favor, all that has been approved in detail shall be considered lost, unless otherwise and separately moved and carried.

V.—Of Debate.

1. Every member wishing to speak on a subject, offer a resolution, motion, proposition or report, shall rise and respectfully address the President.

2. When two or more members rise at the same time, the President shall decide which to hear first, giving preference to the oldest; but no member shall be entitled to speak more than twice on the same motion, except by permission of the body.

3. Every speaker shall confine himself to the matter immediately

before the body, and shall avoid offensive language and personalities. To impugn the motives of a member, or to speak of him with disrespect, shall be considered a breach of order.

4. When a member is speaking, he shall not be interrupted, unless he be out of order, or to request his permission to explain a misapprehension, or correct a mistake.

5. When a speaker is called to order by the President, he must at once desist. If called to order by another, the President shall decide whether or not the point of order be well taken; and if appeal be made from the decision of the Chair, the member having the floor shall take his seat until the question on the appeal is decided, no debate on it being admissible.

6. A speaker may at any time call for the reading of the proposition before the body, or if any papers or documents having reference to the point in hand.

VI.—Of Voting and Protest.

1. Every member present is in duty bound to vote on all questions submitted, unless, for given or obvious reasons, the body shall excuse him from voting.

2. If a member, or members, be dissatisfied with the decision of the majority, and desire to record his (or their dissent, he (or they) may have his (or their) name (or names) entered on the minutes as dissenting. If it is desired a written protest, if couched in brief and respectful terms, of which the house is the judge, may be inserted in the minutes; but the body may insert such answer along with the protest as it may deem necessary in the case.

VII.—Of the Foregoing Rules of Order.

1. These Rules of Order shall be in full force and application in the Synodical Sessions, Ministerial Sessions, and the Sessions of the District Conferences.

2. They shall not be altered or amended except at a regular Annual Meeting of the Synod, and by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

BY-LAWS.

1. In Parliamentary practice, in any case that our *Rules of Order* do not decide, Smith's Diagram of Parliamentary Rules shall be our guide.

Ministers in good standing in other Synods, who may be present or who appear as delegates from other Lutheran Synods, may be received as *advisory members*, but they cannot vote in any of the decisions of Synod.

Courteous recognition of ministers not of the Lutheran Church may be taken by inviting them to a seat within the bar of Synod, and receiving their names as having been present at any session of Synod.

2. Vacant churches, or pastorates, are entitled to representation by a lay-delegate.

3. In accordance with the Formula of Government and Discipline, chap. vi., sec. 3, Church Councils should require every member of their respective churches to contribute to the support of the Pastor, except such as, in their judgment, are too poor to do so.

4. When a pastor is called to a vacant charge the Council or Councils should be governed by the Formula of Government and Discipline, chap. vi., sec. 5.

5. No Minister in connection with this Synod shall take charge of a vacant church, or pastorate, until it has satisfactorily met its obligations to its former Pastor.

6. In each case of Confirmation or Baptism the Council ought to furnish the Baptized or Confirmed person with a certificate of the same, signed by the Pastor.

7. The following order shall be observed by Pastors reporting on the state of the Church:

(1). Activity in Christian Work.
(2). Attendance on Service.
(3). Benevolence.
(4). Sunday-schools.
(5). Catechisation.
(6). Finances.
(7). Church Property.
(8). Education.
(9). Church Literature.

8. The cause of Missions is deemed such an important part of our Church work as to entitle it to receive the special consideration of Synod; and a special time shall be set apart at each meeting of Synod for a sermon, or addresses on the subject, either of Home or Foreign Missions, or both. Each pastor shall also present the claims of Missions to his people, and solicit contributions therefor.

9. Synod shall co-operate with the General Body with which it is in connection, in establishing and sustaining important Missions that may be set on foot by that body.

10. It shall endeavor to build up self-sustaining congregations at such points within its own borders where a sufficient number of our members are located to justify an organization.

11. Important city mission points within our territory should be presented to the attention of the General Body.

12. The education of young men for the Ministry shall be deemed a necessary part of our Church work, and shall receive the annual consideration of Synod, and shall be publicly presented in like manner with the cause of Missions as indicated in By-Law 11.

13. Each applicant for aid shall be examined by the Executive Committee or by the Ministerium, with reference to his personal piety, his motives for seeking the office of the Ministry, his attachment to the Confessions of our Church, his need of aid, and his disposition to do all that he is able to maintain himself, his general habits, prudence, studies, talents, gifts in public speaking, and his willingness to submit to the direction of Synod.

14. Only upon the recommendation of the Ministerium, or of the Executive Committee, shall a candidate for the Ministry be received upon the funds of Synod.

15. We adopt it as a general principle that such approved young men should be prepared for the Ministerial office by a regular collegiate and theological course of study; and when necessary they should be aided during their course of study by appropriations out of the Synodical Fund, or out of the fund specially contributed for this purpose.

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